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SH addresses beach safety

After 3 drownings this year, some residents want to bring back lifeguards

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

Three drownings in Lake Michigan this past summer along with more than a dozen water rescues has prompted City Council members to form a committee to examine whether changes need to be made to the current beach and water safety plan.

Members voted unanimously Monday to form the committee following ongoing requests by citizens for the city hire lifeguards, once again, to man North and South beaches, the two largest of the city's seven beaches.

"South Haven (police and fire department personnel) has excellent response time for getting to the beach," Dave Benjamin, executive director of public relations and project management for The Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, told council members Monday. "But if a 911 call is not made in time, a person can easily drown."

Carol Sandy of Troy, whose son, Jacob, drowned in 2019 while kayaking in Lake Michigan near Indiana Dunes National Park, also urged the city council to bring back lifeguards to South Haven beaches.

"I strongly support having lifeguards on public beaches," she said. "Red flags and signs are not meant to be a substitute for lifeguards."

South Haven ended up disbanding the life guard program in the 1990s. However, approximately 10 years following several drownings in Lake Michigan, city officials took steps to improve beach and water safety by establishing a flag system to warn beach-goers to stay out of the water when wave conditions are dangerous. Signs were also posted at beaches explaining how deadly rip currents can be for swimmers. In addition, water rescue equipment and training has been provided to first responders from the South Haven Police Department and South Haven Area Emergency Services.

"Compared to other communities I think you have a good program," said Terry VanDoren, a member of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority's Parks & Recreation Risk Control Advisory Committee. City officials had asked VanDoren prior to Monday's meeting to read through the current water and beach safety plan.

Officials then invited VanDoren to Monday night's meeting to query him about the pros and cons and liability risks of increased measures to address beach and water safety at South Haven's beaches.

Council members asked him whether bigger and better signage would work, whether gates or chains could be placed across the piers during inclement weather and if instituting a lifeguard program again is feasible.

"Any form of communication would drastically help,"

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Taylor Michael plays with Big Shane, a European Dobermann currently available for adoption at the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter. The shelter is seeking donations to help cover costs during the pandemic.

Humane Society asks for help

Organization needs funds to keep animal shelter open

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Sometimes, the helpers need help.

That is the case right now at the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, where money is needed to keep the Yeager Family Pet Shelter going.

Executive Director Jill Svoboda said the shelter has fallen on hard times and needs to raise at least $25,000 to make it through the rest of the year.

"We are still open. We're essential because we have animals here. But we're getting fewer donations because with all the uncertainty with the pandemic, people are holding onto their pocket books," she said.

In addition, the no-kill nonprofit shelter, which saves about 400 dogs and cats every year, has had to cancel its annual fundraising events due to the coronavirus pandemic. These include Bets for Pets, a casino night, which last year raised about $60,000; and the Village Charcuterie Festival, hosted in Stevensville by Watermark Brewing, which last year brought in $17,000, Svoboda said.

"In addition, lots of our area restaurants hold give-back nights for us, and haven't been able to do that this year," she said. "And we usually have our annual holiday party and we'll miss that this year for the first time in over 30 years."

Jill Svoboda, the executive director of the Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter, checks on Morticia, a four-week-old Domestic Shorthair kitten Tuesday afternoon.

Svoboda said the Humane Society directors and staff understand that many people are having tough times right now and "We would like to thank our community and those who already have supported us."

But, she said, the need is great.

"For example, right now I'm looking at a $1,200 electric bill for one month. We need lights, phone and heat. And we have vet bills and we need to pay staff," she said.

She said that while donations of things like food and toys are always welcome, the greatest need right now is for money.

Svoboda said that early on in the pandemic, adoptions were up because everybody wanted a pet, knowing they would be stuck at home.

"But adoption always dips when cold weather sets in, and now besides that there seems to be a lot of uncertainty," she said.

The shelter at 5400 Niles Road remains open but, as of Monday, has gone back to appointment only.

Anyone who wants to help is asked to go online at humanesocietyswm.org and click on the "donate" tab.

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South Haven OKs more restrictions for golf carts

New rules address safety concerns

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When people dust off their golf carts next spring to ride on South Haven streets, they'll have to adhere to stricter guidelines.

City Council members on Monday inked a new ordinance that, among other things, will require golf carts to be equipped with seat belts, mirrors, brakes, lights and turn signals. The ordinance also stipulates that golf cart owners insure their vehicles, register them with the South Haven Police Department, obtain city-issued vehicle plates and limit the number of people in carts to the numbers of seats contained in each vehicle.

For the past four years, city officials have allowed golf carts to be driven on city streets. Those who did so followed state guidelines, which include

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Photo by Tom Renner

One of the larger types of golf carts is seen at South Beach in earlier this month during unseasonably warm weather in which temperatures soared into the 70s for nearly a week. City Council members approved new restrictions for golf cart use on city streets.

Restaurants sue to try to stop new ban on dining

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Just hours before another shutdown, a restaurant trade group sued Tuesday to try to stop a ban on indoor dining, attacking the latest restrictions from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration in response to a wave of coronavirus cases.

The Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association said it made "several good-faith efforts" to reach a compromise with the state health department before the three-week policy was announced Sunday night. The group said its members could have further reduced risk while keeping their dining rooms open.

Without court intervention, the ban on indoor dining could lead to the "outright devastation" of restaurants and their thousands of employees, said Justin Winslow, the association's president.

The new policy starts Wednesday. A similar ban lasted for nearly three months earlier this year.

"It is legal to get a tattoo or haircut but not eat a meal indoors at a restaurant," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit asks a federal judge in western Michigan to grant an

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Detroit-area county certifies vote after first blocking it

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Michigan's largest county reversed course and unanimously certified local presidential election results Tuesday night after Republicans first blocked the move in a party-line vote that threatened to temporarily stall official approval of Democrat Joe Biden's win in the state.

The Wayne County Board of Canvassers acted after the 2-2 tie was condemned by Democrats and election experts as a dangerous attempt to overthrow the will of voters.

The board met after days of unsuccessful litigation filed by Republican poll challengers and President Donald Trump's allies.

They claimed fraud during absentee ballot counting at a Detroit convention center, but two judges found no evidence and refused to stop the canvassing process.

Biden crushed Trump in Wayne County, a Democratic stronghold, by more than a 2-1 margin, according to unofficial results.

The canvassers first rejected certification of the Detroit-area vote with a tie. Monica Palmer, a Republican on the board, said poll books in certain Detroit precincts were out of balance. In response, Jonathan Kinloch, a Democrat, said it was "reckless and irresponsible" to not certify the results.

"It's not based upon fraud. It's absolutely human error," Kinloch said of any discrepancies. "Votes that are cast are tabulated."

The board then listened to a parade of spectators blasting Palmer and fellow Republican William Hartmann during the meeting's public comment period over Zoom.

The Rev. Wendell Anthony, a well-known pastor and head of the Detroit branch of the NAACP, called the Republican county canvassers a "disgrace."

"You have extracted a Black city out of a county and said the only ones that are at fault is the city of Detroit, where 80% of the people who reside here are African Americans. Shame on you!" Anthony said on Zoom, his voice rising during a public comment period.

Certification of the Nov. 3 election results in each of Michigan's 83 counties is a step toward statewide certification by the Michigan Board of State Canvassers.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KC-AS-6D-7D-10D
Midday Daily 3
0-1-4
Midday Daily 4
1-5-0-1
Daily 3
3-2-6
Daily 4
6-7-6-2
Fantasy 5
19-21-24-33-35
Keno
05-18-19-21-27-31-33-36-38-39-40-50-51-54-56-57-61-62-64-67-70-72
Mega Millions jackpot
$176 million
Powerball jackpot
$179 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
05-09-19-37-39
Cash4Life
12-16-42-44-59, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
11-13-18-19-20-21-22-24-34-41-45-48-49-55-58-60-63-66-68-73, BE: 73
Daily Three-Midday
3-5-6, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
8-8-7, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
2-9-9-1, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
1-6-9-5, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
02-04-12-16-22-24-25-29-30-32-34-39-44-47-69-70-73-77-78-79, BE: 44

Illinois
Lotto
06-11-15-20-36-50, Extra Shot: 9
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
16-23-31-39-40
Pick Three-Midday
5-7-3, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
3-4-3, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
1-3-6-6, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
1-0-6-2, Fireball: 5
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'More people may die': Biden urges Trump to aid transition

By STEVE PEOPLES and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
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WILMINGTON, Del. — President-elect Joe Biden warned of dire consequences if President Donald Trump and his administration continue to refuse to coordinate with his transition team on the coronavirus pandemic and block briefings on national security, policy issues and vaccine plans.

The remarks marked Biden's toughest to date on Trump's failure to acknowledge his election loss and cooperate with the incoming administration for a peaceful transfer of power.

"More people may die if we don't coordinate," Biden told reporters during a news conference Monday in Wilmington, Delaware.

Biden and his aides – and a small but growing group of Republicans – have emphasized the importance of being briefed on White House efforts to control the pandemic and distribute prospective vaccines. The Trump administration is working on its own distribution plan, while Biden's chief of staff indicated his transition team will proceed with their own planning separately because of the obstruction.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said it's "absolutely crucial that the apparent president-elect and his team have full access to the planning that has gone on" for vaccine distribution.

"It is no easy matter" to distribute a vaccine, Collins said, so "it's absolutely imperative for public health, that all of the planning that's gone on for which the current administration deserves credit, be shared with the new administration."

Collins' remarks were echoed Monday by Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Last week, a larger group of Republicans in Congress called on the Trump administration to allow Biden to begin receiving national security briefings.

The outgoing president has refused so far to bend to pressure from Democrats or Republicans as he continues to dispute his loss to Biden, who has surpassed the 270 electoral vote threshold to become president and is leading Trump by more than 5.5 million votes nationally.

Cooperation between the outgoing and incoming administrations, traditionally a key component to the peaceful transfer of power in the United States, takes on heightened significance this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, which is escalating dramatically heading into the holiday season.

Biden called the vaccine distribution a "huge, huge undertaking," and said that if his team has to wait until he takes office to dig into the government's distribution plan, they'll be "behind, over a month, month and a half."

Before taking questions, Biden outlined his plans to alleviate inequality and boost the U.S. economy but said that any structural reforms depended first on reining in the pandemic and delivering more immediate relief.

"Once we shut down the virus and deliver economic relief to workers and businesses, then we can start to build back better than before," he said.

Biden has vowed to spend trillions of dollars to reinvigorate U.S. manufacturing, expand health care coverage and combat climate change, among other priorities. But his chief priority remains controlling the pandemic, which is surging to record levels and forcing state and local leaders to implement new rounds of restrictions on local businesses.

The president-elect has so far tried to sidestep difficult questions about whether he might support a short-term national lockdown to arrest the surge of coronavirus cases. Since defeating Trump, Biden has devoted most of his public remarks to encouraging Americans to wear masks and embrace social distancing measures.

But members of his coronavirus advisory board have been more specific. One member, Michael Osterholm, recently suggested a four- to six-week national lockdown with financial aid for Americans whose livelihoods would be affected. He later walked back the remarks and was rebutted by two other members of the panel who said a widespread lockdown shouldn't be under consideration.

Speaking Monday on "CBS This Morning," Osterholm was not asked about a potential lockdown, but he said the nation needs "a standard set of principles."

"Right now, we don't have a standardized set so you're hearing all these governors and mayors are scrambling to try to find what is the right answer for us, and it would surely help all of them, and that's what I'm hearing from them, that we have a standardized set of recommendations and protocols," he said.

Biden was asked Monday whether he would encourage leaders to look at potentially reinstating stay-at-home orders now that the pandemic is surging nationwide. He avoided answering directly and instead called on officials to embrace mask-wearing and criticized those who haven't.

Volunteers still needed to test variety of COVID-19 vaccines

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

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Neal Browning receives a shot in the first-stage safety study of a potential vaccine for COVID-19 at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute in Seattle. Moderna Inc. said Monday that its COVID-19 vaccine is proving to be highly effective in a major trial.

Two COVID-19 vaccines might be nearing the finish line, but scientists caution it's critical that enough people volunteer to help finish studying other candidates in the U.S. and around the world.

Moderna Inc. and competitor Pfizer Inc. recently announced preliminary results showing their vaccines appear more than 90 percent effective, at least for short-term protection against COVID-19.

If those early results hold up and U.S. regulators agree the shots are safe, emergency use of small, rationed supplies could start in late December. Other countries with contracts for early doses would undertake their own reviews.

But multiple vaccines will be needed to meet global demand and help end the pandemic, raising concern that studies that still need to sign up thousands of volunteers could run short if people wait for an already OK'd option instead.

"We don't want to see that happen," said Dr. James Cutrell, an infectious disease expert at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Supplies aside, other COVID-19 vaccines under development may work differently in different populations and "we likely will benefit from having a menu of vaccine options," Cutrell said.

"We still need volunteers," stressed National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins, urging Americans to sign up.

Additionally, participants in the Moderna and Pfizer studies who originally got dummy shots would almost certainly be offered the real vaccine if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration allows emergency use. But no one knows how long protection would last, meaning those studies also must continue to track recipients somehow.

"It's one thing to be effective two months after your last vaccination and another thing to be effective a year" later, said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, a former director of the FDA's vaccine division. "It's going to be really important to complete these clinical trials and the trials of the other vaccines so we can make comparisons."

The promising Moderna and Pfizer news bodes well for some of their competitors, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious disease expert whose team at NIH helped develop the Moderna candidate.

Those shots target the "spike" protein that studs the surface of the coronavirus, and the early results prove that's enough to generate "a protective response," Fauci said. "Conceptually this looks good" for other spike-focused vaccines made in different ways.

Here's a scorecard of the frontrunners in the global vaccine race:

Genetic code vaccines

The Moderna-NIH vaccine and the candidate developed by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech aren't made with the coronavirus itself, meaning there's no chance anyone could catch it from the shots.

Instead, the vaccines are made with a brand-new technology that injects a piece of genetic code for the spike protein. That messenger RNA, or mRNA, instructs the body to make some harmless spike protein, enough to prime the immune system to react if it later encounters the real virus.

There are no licensed mRNA vaccines for people, so scientists had no idea if or how well the COVID-19 candidates might work.

Both manufacturers are working to scale up production in factories in the U.S. and Europe. They can't simply partner with other vaccine companies to take on some of the work because the technology is so different than the way most of today's shots are made.

"It is not a very easy or quick swap," said Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel.

Trojan horse vaccines

A different way to target the spike protein: Use another, harmless virus to carry the spike gene into the body. Once again, the body produces some spike protein and primes the immune system.

Britain's Oxford University and AstraZeneca are making their version of this "viral vector" vaccine with a cold virus, or adenovirus, that normally infects chimpanzees. Studies of tens of thousands of people are underway in the U.K., U.S. and several other countries.

Johnson & Johnson is using a human adenovirus for its version, and is the only option in advanced U.S. testing aiming to show if a single dose rather than two would be enough.

China's government authorized emergency use of CanSino Biologics' adenovirus shots in the military ahead of any final testing. Russia likewise began offering an adenovirus vaccine ahead of late-stage tests.

Protein vaccines

Novavax makes its vaccine candidate by growing harmless copies of the coronavirus spike protein in the laboratory and packaging them into virus-sized nanoparticles.

There are protein-based vaccines against other diseases, so it's not as novel a technology as some of its competitors. Novavax has begun a large final-stage study in Britain, and is set soon to begin another in the U.S.

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One dead in car-motorcycle crash

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A motorcyclist is dead after the driver of a car pulled into his path on a street in Benton Township, police say.

Police have identified the deceased man as Thomas Hoiles, 35, of Benton Harbor.

The driver of the car, Anthony Terrel Wilson, 32, of Benton Harbor, is in the Berrien County jail facing several charges.

Berrien County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Thad Chartrand said it happened at 9:11 p.m. Monday on Union Street near the entrance to Briarwood Apartments.

He said the motorcyclist was lying in the road unresponsive when emergency crews arrived. He was taken by Medic 1 to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arriving in the emergency room.

Chartrand said an investigation found that the motorcycle was traveling north on Union Street, approaching the main entrance to the Briarwood Apartments, when a southbound vehicle made a left turn into the apartment entrance, pulling into the path of the motorcycle, which struck the side of the vehicle, throwing the motorcyclist from his bike.

Investigators determined that Hoiles was wearing a helmet but it was not buckled and came off during the collision, Chartrand said. He said the driver of the car fled, but the suspect vehicle was located by police a short time later.

Chartrand said a report was turned over to the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office for review. Wilson was arrested Tuesday on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death, leaving the scene of an injury accident, and drug charges.

Berrien County Sheriff's deputies were assisted by Benton Township Police, Medic 1 and the Berrien County Traffic Crash Unit.

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SAND SCULPTURES

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Blowing wind sculpts sand into mini sculptures as the sun breaks through the clouds along Silver Beach in St. Joseph Tuesday morning.

BENTON HARBOR

Former BHAS superintendent/CEO resigns from Farmington over board turmoil

Board president and vice president also resign; one trustee is censured

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

FARMINGTON — Former superintendent/CEO of Benton Harbor Area Schools Robert Herrera resigned during a special meeting Monday as superintendent of Farmington Public Schools over an apparent dispute with at least one school board member.

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Near the end of the virtual meeting, which is available for viewing on YouTube, board President Pamela Green and Vice President Terry Johnson also resigned, citing the dysfunctional behavior of two unnamed board members.

During the meeting, trustees censured board Secretary Angie Smith, removing her from that role and from all committee assignments. Herrera had recently filed a harassment complaint against Smith, according to the school's Facebook page.

After an almost two-hour closed session, trustees accepted Herrera's resignation, and most voiced support for him and the job he was doing. Herrera will remain superintendent until the end of the first semester in January, and then act as a consultant until June 30, 2021, when he will receive a severance payment of $105,000. He started leading Farmington Public Schools in July 2019 after signing a three-year contract.

The meeting can be watched on YouTube.com at FPS TV10.

Herrera was hired as CEO of Benton Harbor Area Schools in June 2018 after being recruited by the Michigan Department of Education's School Reform Office to lead the turnaround efforts in the school district, which was struggling academically and financially.

School board trustees agreed to step into an advisory position, although they later said they agreed under duress. Three trustees said that state officials threatened to close the entire school district if they didn't agree to a CEO.

Herrera's contract with Benton Harbor Area Schools was for four years, but he started looking for a new position less than one year later after changes in state law dissolved the School Reform Office and the law that the agreement was made under.

At the time, Herrera said that he decided to look for other employment due to uncertainty over how the future partnership between the Benton Harbor school district and the state will look.

Before taking the job in Benton Harbor, Herrera had been superintendent of South Haven Community Schools since 2012.

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Sheriff's office warns of phone scams

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is warning people about a phone scam in which a caller claims to be with the sheriff's office and asks for money or payments.

The scam goes like this:

A caller claims to be with the sheriff's office, or a local police agency, and tells a person they have a warrant for their arrest for something like failing to answer a subpoena or missing jury duty.

Sometimes the caller identifies himself or herself as a randomly chosen position and name such as "Lt. Smith," which was used in recent calls. Other times the scammers have looked up local information on deputies and county employees, and uses those names to make the scam more believable.

The number that shows up on caller ID can be a number "spoofed" to look like it's coming from a 269 area code or even made to look like it's coming from the Sheriff's Office, Berrien County, IRS and/or Treasury Department.

The caller then says you will only be arrested if you refuse to pay bond or another amount of money. The caller sometimes pretends to transfer you to "the sheriff," who is really another person involved in the scam.

The caller will instruct you to purchase some type of gift card, a prepaid credit card or a VISA card in very specific amounts, then call them back with the numbers or mail the cards and receipts to provide payment.

If you provide the numbers for payment, the caller may also tell you to bring the card to the sheriff's office for verification, but by the time you arrive at the sheriff's office, the money will be gone off the cards. It is impossible to get the money back from these prepaid cards or gift cards, which is why this is the most popular requested form of payment used by scammers, the sheriff said.

In other scams besides pretending to be police, callers are impersonating the IRS, or posing as grandchildren in trouble and asking for money.

Police agencies will never call a person to ask for money under the threat of arrest, the sheriff said. Anyone unsure about a call from someone claiming to be police should hang up and call their local police directly.

The sheriff's office provided the following tips to help avoid falling victim to a telephone scam:

■ Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payments.

■ Never give out personal or financial information to unsolicited callers. This includes account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords or other identifying information.

■ Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot, Money Pak or pre-paid credit card numbers to someone you do not know.

■ If you get an inquiry from someone who says they represent a company or government agency seeking personal information, hang up and call the phone number on your account statement or agency's website to verify the authenticity of the caller.

■ Don't answer calls from numbers you don't know. With spoofing becoming more common, be cautious and verify the person on the other end of the phone.

■ Don't be afraid to tell the caller that you know it is a scam and you are reporting them to the police. Share suspicious calls with a trusted friend or family member, or call local police if you believe you might have fallen victim to a scam.

COVID-19 numbers continue to rise

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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Berrien County recorded 166 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday.

In the last seven days, the county has been averaging about 140 new cases a day.

The county also recorded another death Tuesday, bringing the county's death toll to 96.

In addition, 17 new recoveries were reported. This brings the number of active cases in the county to about 2,416.

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 56 COVID-positive patients Tuesday morning. That's down from 59 on Monday, but up from 47 last Tuesday.

Berrien County's percent positivity rate continues to increase, with it averaging near 20 percent now.

Percent positivity rates in Van Buren and Cass counties are averaging at about 15 percent.

Van Buren County recorded 75 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday, while Cass County recorded 55. Neither county recorded any new deaths Tuesday.

More closures, cancellations

St. Joseph Today has canceled its Luminary event set for Friday. The staff was exposed to COVID-19 and has to quarantine for 14 days, according to a Facebook post. This year, the new winter lights in downtown and the holiday music will be the feature of Luminary.

The Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph announced this week that it would close to the public through Dec. 11. Visitors can still explore the exhibits via appointment and through virtual events. To schedule a visit or learn more about these opportunities, email curatorial@krasl.org.

The Van Buren District Library is moving all seven of its locations to curbside service beginning today. Limited services will be offered by appointment. This model is expected to remain in effect through Dec. 8. For more information, call 423-4771 or email info@vbdl.org. Van Buren District Library is headquartered in Decatur with branches in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Mattawan.

Dowagiac's 30th annual Candle-light Christmas Parade, which was planned to be held as a reverse parade on Friday, Dec. 4, at Southwestern Michigan College, has been canceled, according to the Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce.

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IN BRIEF

Township hall access limited

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township Hall will be closed for the next three weeks, but services will be available by appointment.

Supervisor Cathy Yates told trustees Tuesday during a board meeting that the township would close to be in compliance with the state's three-week shutdown of the majority of public places in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"We're going to be closing to the public. Our residents will have to call ahead for services," Yates said. "The shutdown is going to be for three weeks. We're trying to do the best we can in an off situation."

Residents can call the township hall with further questions.

Township officials won't be available Nov. 25-27, as employees will be gone for Thanksgiving break.

Nominations open for small business awards

LANSING — Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) awards program, an annual competition that recognizes successful growing businesses and their supporters.

The awards program provides an opportunity for business owners and supporters of small businesses to nominate a company that is growing and making an impact in Michigan.

The nominations for the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Award are open for second stage companies, defined as having six to 99 full-time-equivalent employees and generating $750,000 to $50 million in annual revenue or working capital from investors or grants. Additionally, the companies must be privately held and headquartered in Michigan.

The Michigan 50 Distinguished Alumni Awards recognize a previously awarded Michigan 50 Company to Watch. Two award categories will be offered for 2021: Great Place to Work and Strategically Focused Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 20. Nominations can be made at MichiganCelebrates.org.

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Trump's presidency is all about him

Jonah Goldberg

'Despite the Left's attempts to undermine this Election, I will NEVER stop fighting for YOU," President Donald Trump assured me in a fundraising email.

I don't take campaign fundraising emails seriously (never mind literally). They're all pretty stupid. But this one was obviously different, for the simple reason that the election is over.

Indeed, this note – one of many sent by the Trump campaign recently – was a plea for money to pay for the legal effort to reverse an election Trump lost by the same margin of electoral votes he once claimed amounted to a "massive landslide." If you read the letter's fine print, you'll discover that "fighting for you" actually means "fighting for me." Most of the money from small donors will go not to the legal effort but rather to pay down campaign debt.

In a sense, I'm grateful that Trump is doubling down on everything wrong about his presidency in its final chapter. Yes, this is embarrassing for the country. Yes, Trump's radioactive conspiracy theory of a stolen election will have a long, poisonous half-life. But Trump is removing any doubt that his narcissistic presidency was always entirely about him.

The country is in the midst of a health and economic crisis, but Trump's primary focus is licking his own wounds, not tackling the country's. He has largely abandoned formal intelligence briefings and hasn't met with the coronavirus task force in months. With the exception of a Veterans Day visit to Arlington National Cemetery and a Friday-night statement on the pandemic, he's conducted his post-election presidency doing precisely what he's always done – subordinating the office to his own wants and petty grievances.

Trump punctuates his brooding and sulking with pathetic tweets brimming with conspiratorial or otherwise deranged hogwash, including the repeated claim "I won the election." He continues to insist, as he has throughout his presidency, that proof for his lies is just around the corner. On Sunday, he promised a new lawsuit showing the "unconstitutionality" of the 2020 election.

It would take a heart of stone not to laugh as Trump finally turns on the real Judas in his eyes: Fox News (where I'm a contributor). The network, Trump tweeted, "forgot what made them successful, what got them there. They forgot the Golden Goose. The biggest difference between the 2016 Election, and 2020, was @ FoxNews!"

Never mind that Fox was No. 1 in every time slot more than a decade before Trump descended that escalator in 2015. Never mind that for four years, Trump began his day with his Presidential Daily Brief – "Fox and Friends" – and ended it with the prime-time gang. And never mind that Trump and the opinion side of the network remain in a deeply codependent relationship.

Trump didn't get the unwavering, full-throated praise he needed, so now he's thinking about creating a competing network, one without all the obvious anti-Trump bias!

Most presidents, if they're remembered at all, get summarized with a single sentence. Whatever that sentence might have been before the election, Trump managed to rewrite it after the election: "He was a one-term president who was the first in American history to refuse to concede or recognize the election results."

George H.W. Bush, the last incumbent president to lose a reelection bid, left office (after graciously conceding) in fairly bad odor on the right. After eight years of Bill Clinton, however, nostalgia for Bush was so strong, his son parlayed his patronymic name into a winning presidential bid.

If Trump had followed a similar course, he (or perhaps his sybaritic scion, Donald Jr.) might have cashed in on similar nostalgia after four years of a Biden presidency almost certain to be seen as disastrous by those on the right. Instead, he has proven that those of us who said "character is destiny" were right all along.

Let Trump continue to insist he didn't really lose. It's impossible to stop him, after all. Let those who believe him – or pretend to – continue to march and tweet and rant, including the many highly compensated media personalities who've gotten rich off the Trump train.

But for the rest of us, the one thing we won't ever feel about the Trump presidency is nostalgia – not least because he won't really be gone. Even after he leaves the White House, he'll be fighting for himself – and making sure we hear him – for the rest of his days.

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Family holiday plans bring risk and tough choices

By BRENDAN CLAREY
The Detroit News (TNS)

My wife and I socially distanced for the greater part of this year. Then we were infected with COVID-19 last month while visiting family.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week implored Michigan residents to cancel their holiday plans, and I know from experience the question we're all asking ourselves while making plans this holiday season: Is it worth the risk?

In the beginning of the pandemic, my then-pregnant wife and I followed all the medical advice from her doctors strictly. If we saw friends, they were at least six feet away, and we were always outside.

In June, we asked family members in our bubble to stay away from their friends or visit them outdoors. My teenage sisters-in-law sacrificed sleepovers and hangouts to keep my wife and unborn child safe.

To see family outside our bubble, we stayed outdoors and six feet away. No hugs. No touching.

To attend a friend's tiny, outdoor, COVID-friendly wedding, my wife and I camped out in my parents' backyard to avoid breathing their air in case they were asymptomatic but infectious.

Did I mention my wife was eight months pregnant and it was August?

Leading up to our baby's due date, we decided that, to us, it was worth the risk to invite a few family members into our bubble. As much as we anticipated needing help with changing diapers and household chores, we knew their emotional support and physical presence would be even more crucial to our well-being.

Then, last month, we ended up catching the coronavirus on a family visit. It was a terrible week. I wish that our 6-week-old child never had a fever. And I wish my wife and other family members didn't have to go through the list of symptoms we're all very familiar with by now.

Thankfully, we are all recovered now (except my wife still can't smell). I thank God that no one was hospitalized or seriously ill as so many have been throughout this pandemic. We recognize this disease has taken many lives, and we were blessed to have had relatively mild cases.

Everyone is going to have to make tough decisions about spending time with those they love this holiday season. They might heed Whitmer's advice and wait until next year, or decide that seeing family was worth the risk.

Despite what happened, I don't regret our decision to see family and benefit from being close to them, especially after missing them for months and months while we lived in fear and social isolation.

Was it the wrong call? Was it worth the risk?

I don't know. Maybe this holiday season, we will all have to do the best we can without the answers.

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Biden's foreign policy won't be Obama 2.0

Doyle McManus

When President-elect Joe Biden takes office in January, some of the first big changes he makes will come on foreign policy, a domain where a president can act without asking permission from Congress.

Biden has promised quick actions to show, in his words, that "America is back" – meaning the pre-Donald Trump America that treated long-standing allies like friends instead of adversaries.

On Biden's first day in office, he says he will: rejoin the Paris agreement on climate change; offer to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran if Tehran returns to compliance; reaffirm the U.S. military commitment to NATO; rejoin the World Health Organization; and work with other countries to fight the COVID-19 pandemic – all abrupt reversals of Trump's "America first" unilateralism.

At first glance, it will look like a straightforward return to the multilateralist agenda of President Obama, for whom Biden served as vice president. Even some of the people in top jobs will be the same, veterans of the Obama administration like their boss.

But that first impression will be deceiving. On several issues, Biden and his aides have staked out positions that chart a markedly different course from that of the administration they worked in four years ago.

Once a champion of free trade agreements, Biden has embraced his party's new skepticism in international economic policy – one area where there will be at least superficial continuity from the Trump years.

China, the ever-rising power in Asia, will get tougher treatment than it did under Obama on both trade and human rights; Biden has called Chinese President Xi Jinping "a thug."

Saudi Arabia, long a close U.S. ally, will get arm's-length treatment, too; the president-elect has called the repressive kingdom a "pariah" state.

And Biden will continue winding down the "forever wars" in Iraq and Afghanistan, reducing U.S. troop deployments in the Middle East to small-scale counter-terrorism missions.

One reason for those departures from the Obama legacy is obvious: The world has changed.

American diplomatic power and prestige have eroded – thanks not only to Trump's bull-in-a-china-shop approach to international relations but also because of the U.S. inability to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and its accompanying recession.

After four years of Trump's unilateralism, longtime U.S. allies in Europe and Asia have questioned whether they can trust any American government to look out for their interests again.

Attitudes within the Democratic Party have evolved, too. Democrats are not only more skeptical on trade agreements; they're also less forgiving toward China and more allergic to military commitments.

Even within the Biden camp, there's debate between those Democrats who think only modest adjustments of the Obama model are in order and others who have called for a deeper reexamination of the party's foreign policy tenets.

Thomas Wright, a scholar at the Brookings Institution, calls one school the "restorationists," the other "reformationists" or "2021 Democrats."

The restorationists, he says, want to bring back as much of the pre-2016 world as possible: a global leadership role for the United States built around vigorous multilateral diplomacy and support for economic globalization.

A leading example of the restorationists is Antony Blinken, the president-elect's chief foreign policy advisor whom many expect to be named as the new president's national security advisor.

"Joe Biden starts from the proposition that we need to reassert American engagement and American leadership," Blinken said in a television interview last month. "We would actually show up day in and day out, leading with diplomacy."

The reformationist 2021 Democrats, by contrast, say strengthening the domestic economy must come first. They argue that foreign policy needs a deeper rethink in order to focus more on strengthening the middle class.

A prominent example: Jake Sullivan, another Biden advisor who is expected to get a top White House job. The central goal of trade policy, he says, should be "growing jobs and wages."

"Does allowing J.P. Morgan or Goldman Sachs to have a greater foothold in the Chinese financial system help American GDP, American jobs, American wages?" Sullivan asked last year. "If the answer is no, then why is that a negotiating priority of the United States?"

These aren't head-on policy collisions, but they are differences in priorities.

Both schools espouse the fundamental tenets of Bidenism: American leadership, restoration of alliances and plenty of attention to the domestic economy.

But their differences could create friction as soon as the new administration begins making real choices.

The Biden administration won't be as chaotic as Trump's four-year brawl. The new president isn't likely to upend policies at whim or fire Cabinet secretaries on Twitter.

But neither will it be as placid as might have been expected from a centrist president who's been in Washington almost half a century. If only because of the relentless pace of change in the world outside, the Biden presidency might just produce an overdue rethinking of Democratic foreign policy.

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Trump's crazy Electoral College scheme

Steve Chapman

The Republican Party has lost in the popular vote for president in seven of the last eight elections, and that dismal record has some Republicans doing some serious rethinking. Not about how to broaden the GOP's appeal to voters, but about how to take voters out of the equation.

Republicans have an advantage in the Electoral College, which delivered George W. Bush in 2000 and Donald Trump in 2016 to the White House after they got fewer votes than their opponents. But that advantage proved insufficient this year. Joe Biden won enough states to carry the day.

Trump and his allies insist he lost only because the election was stolen, a claim that has been summarily laughed out of several courts. Judges, you see, require actual evidence, which has been missing in action.

But who needs the courts? There is a Plan B: Get Republican-controlled state legislatures in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona and Georgia – all won by Biden – to replace the electors committed to him with a slate of their very own choosing that would vote for Trump.

The idea was endorsed by one resident of the fever swamps of the right – radio host Mark Levin, who is to derangement what grass is to green. He tweeted a notice to Republican legislatures: "You have the final say over the choosing of electors," commanding them to "get ready to do your constitutional duty." Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., indicated he was open to the idea.

An unidentified Trump legal adviser raised the option with Barton Gellman of The Atlantic before the election. The excuse would be vote fraud, even though neither the courts nor state election officials have found any irregularities that would affect the outcome anywhere.

The scenario sounds preposterous, but if we've learned anything from the past four years, it's that howling lunacy is no deal breaker for Trump or his party. If flouting the will of voters is the only way to keep their desperate grip on the White House, it will get a respectful hearing.

Many Americans don't realize that state legislatures once had this power and used it. The Constitution stipulates that "each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors," and in the early decades of the republic, many state legislatures chose the electors. By 1832, every state but South Carolina assigned the task to voters. In its 2000 Bush v. Gore decision, though, the Supreme Court noted that a state "can take back the power to appoint electors."

But that retrograde option exists only in advance of an election. Legislators can't adopt a "heads we win, tails you lose" procedure. For a legislature to decide at this point to throw out the decision of its voters and substitute its own choices would be not only illegal but also unconstitutional.

Under federal law, each state has to appoint its electors by Election Day. Any electors chosen afterward would be disqualified. Another federal statute says any change in the method of appointing electors must also occur before the election. The law doesn't allow do-overs.

Even if the laws could be circumvented, this gambit would mutilate constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection. When citizens of a state cast their ballots for president, they do so on the ironclad promise that their collective choice will govern. To renege on that promise would violate their rights.

"When the state legislature vests the right to vote for President in its people, the right to vote as the legislature has prescribed is fundamental," the Supreme Court said in 2000. "The right of suffrage can be denied by a debasement or dilution of the weight of a citizen's vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise." Even a Supreme Court as conservative as this one would be highly unlikely to approve such a brazen assault on democracy.

In reality, no legislature is likely to moon its own people by overruling their judgment. To do so would be political suicide for at least some Republican lawmakers whose voters, after all, just confirmed their preference for a Democratic president. It would invite vengeance at the polls. And it would be futile because the courts would bury it six feet deep.

By now, it should be clear that Trump failed in his reelection bid. If he pursues this option, he will only be devising one more way to be a loser.

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Twitter, Facebook CEOs vow election action; GOP touts curbs

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the CEOs of Twitter and Facebook gave assurances of vigorous action against election disinformation, Republicans at a Senate hearing Tuesday pounded the social media companies over political bias, business practices and market dominance, laying the ground for curbs on their long-held legal protections.

Twitter's Jack Dorsey and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg defended at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing the safeguards against the use of their platforms to spread falsehoods and incite violence in the contest between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden. Responding to concern from Democrats on the panel, they pledged continued vigorous action for two special elections in Georgia that could determine in January which party controls the U.S. Senate.

Republican senators, including Committee Chairman Sen. Lindsey Graham, revived complaints of censorship and anti-conservative bias against the social media platforms. They were reticent to address head-on the issue of election disinformation, an awkward topic for Republicans given that many of them have refused to knock down Trump's unfounded claims of voting irregularities and fraud, even as misinformation disputing Biden's victory has flourished online.

The actions that Twitter and Facebook took to quell the spread of disinformation angered Trump and his supporters.

Different grievances but a common adversary. Democrats, including President-elect Biden, also call for stripping away some of the protections that have shielded tech companies from legal responsibility for what people post.

They have focused their concern on hate speech and incitement on social media platforms that can spawn violence.

Sen. Mazie Hirono, a Democrat from Hawaii, asked Zuckerberg: "At what point will you stop giving in to baseless claims of anti-conservative bias and start exercising your control over Facebook to stop driving division?"

Graham pushed the case for Congress to curb the tech companies' legal shield. "I think there's Republican and Democrat concern about the power that's being used by social media outlets to tell us what we can see and what we can't, what's true and what's not," Graham said.

Republicans and Democrats also are making common cause on Big Tech's market dominance, endorsing stronger enforcement of antitrust laws and for some, the breakup of giants like Facebook and Google.

"Your companies are the most powerful in the world," Sen. Josh Hawley, a Missouri Republican, told Dorsey and Zuckerberg.

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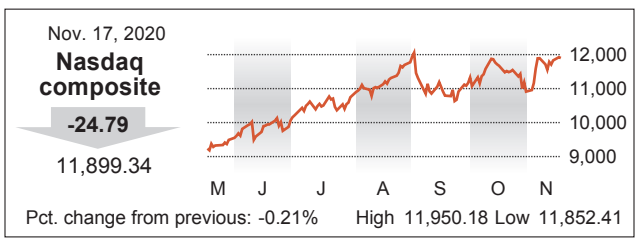

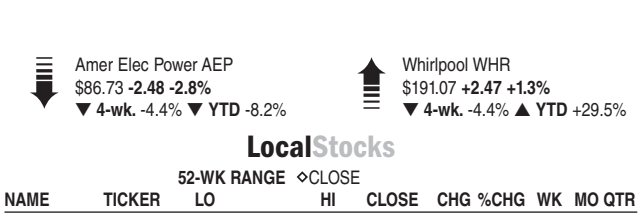

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Pfizer	PFE	27.88	41.99	36.04	-1.29	-3.5	▼	▼	▼
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OBITUARIES

Essie Calhoun

March 5, 1917 – Nov. 15, 2020

On March 5, 1917, a precious baby girl, Essie, was born to the union of John and Bessie (Saddler) Wilson in Brighton, Tenn.

Essie met Anderson Calhoun and they fell madly in love with one another. They united in Holy Matrimony on Nov. 13, 1937. To this union, three children were born.

She was a lifelong resident of Covert, and a member of First Baptist Church later uniting with the Gospel Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Covert under the leadership of Pastor Henry Allen Sr.

Essie was the matriarch of six generations and loved her family to the highest. She would say, "I love all of my children, all of you." She enjoyed singing in the choir at First Baptist and planting and tending to her flowers. She has a green thumb.

She slipped quietly away to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at the home of her son Franklin (Lois) Calhoun in Benton Harbor.

Essie leaves precious memories in the heart of two sons: Franklin Delanor (Lois) Calhoun and William Earl (Helen) Calhoun Sr., both of Benton Harbor; countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Jean Calhoun of Memphis, Tenn.; sister, Cora Jeffries of Covert; and a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends who loved her deeply.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Anderson Calhoun; son, John Calhoun; three granddaughters; and several brothers, and sisters.

Wake will be from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will follow at noon at the funeral home with Pastor Timothy Ezell officiating. Essie will be laid to rest at Covert Cemetery in Covert.

Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven.

Death notices

Essie Calhoun, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 15, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Robert J. Diehl, 93, formerly of New Troy died Nov. 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Barbara Gammill, 90, of Niles died Nov. 16, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Willie E. Hudson, 92, of Coloma died Nov. 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ronald Kehoe, 65, of Niles died Nov. 16, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Chris Allen Miller, 73, of St. Joseph died Nov. 14, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Roger Schaber, 68, of Niles died Nov. 16, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Steven D. Schuck, 61, of Niles, formerly Stevensville died Nov. 15, 2020. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Albert "Al" Shumaker, 77, of South Haven died Nov. 13, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Jessie Stanford, 70, of Watervliet died Monday, Nov, 16, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Steven Stromeyer, 92, of Lawrence died Nov. 14, 2020. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Jerry "Sonny" Wilson, 81, of Niles died Nov. 13, 2020, at Edgewood Health and Rehab. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Gerald "Jerry" W. Zeiger, 73, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Paw Paw died Nov. 13, 2020. Redmond Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, 343-6156.

Steven D. Schuck

Feb. 28, 1959 – Nov. 15, 2020

Steven D. Schuck, 61, of Niles, formerly Stevensville passed away Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at home with his family by his side.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berrien County Cancer Services, Inc. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Steven was born on Feb. 28, 1959, to Carl Sr., and Carol (Phillips) Schuck in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1977.

On May 25, 2007, he married Kimberly Rennhack.

Steve worked as a mechanic and was co-owner of Niles Pro Muffler, Inc., for many years. Most recently he drove for XPO Expedited Logistics in Buchanan. Steve enjoyed golfing, boating and loved taking his Harley on trips, whether it be through the Smokey Mountains or Northern Michigan. He was also a Michigan State and Green Bay Packers fan. Most of all, Steve cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Schuck; parents: Carl and Carol Schuck Sr.; children: Jason (Michele) Schuck, Michael Schuck, Rachel Thornhill and Joshua Breeding; grandchildren: Ashlyn, Isabella, Amelia, Noah and Keegan; brothers: Carl (Linda) Schuck Jr., Mark (Annie) Schuck, Brett Schuck; many nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Stanley Schuck.

Gerald Zeiger

Oct. 27, 1947 – Nov. 13, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" W. Zeiger, 73, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Paw Paw entered into eternal life on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020.

Jerry was born on Oct. 27, 1947, the son of the late Wesley Jr., and Elizabeth Zeiger. He lived in Paw Paw, from 1993 until moving to the Kalamazoo area in December 2019.

Jerry honorably served his country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Vietnam and Japan.

He was a voracious reader and enjoyed photography, wood-crafting and wood-working. Jerry began his engineering career as an apprentice at Weldun International while in high school and then went on to become a vice president.

After retirement he loved spending time in his garden and volunteering at the American Legion Post #68 in Paw Paw of which he was a lifetime member. Jerry was a benevolent, gracious gentleman.

Surviving is his wife of 27 years, Melanie Thompson; three children, Tracy (Miles) Nelson, Jeremy (Karen) Zeiger, Jen (Dennis) Mallette; six grandchildren, Tyler, Logan, Katie, Emalie, Lauren and Caleb; siblings: Patricia, Suzie, Robert (Brenda); and sisters-in-law, Donna and Cathy.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Dennis; and a daughter, Jessica (Matt) Jensen.

A private family service will be held at Redmond Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, with interment to follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be directed to Sue's Loving Care, The First Congregational Church of Bangor or Paw Paw American Legion Post #68.

Steven Stromeyer

Jan. 15, 1928 – Nov. 14, 2020

Steven Stromeyer, 92, of Lawrence passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph.

Steven was born Jan. 15, 1928, in Chicago.

Preceding him in passing were his wife, Margaret, on May 24, 2017; a son, Henry Stromeyer; his parents; and two brothers, Frank and Peter Stromeyer.

Steven served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was formerly employed by Whirlpool and the railroad industry. He was a member of the American Legion Post 160 in Bangor.

Steven is survived by a daughter, Susan Murphy of Ocala, Fla.; a son, Peter Stromeyer of Hartford; and three grandsons: Shane Murphy, Scott Murphy and Tylre Stromeyer.

The family will welcome friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. A graveside service will commence at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Hill Cemetery, Lawrence.

Please remember if you plan on attending services that attendance and mask restrictions remain in place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 160. Those wishing to leave a memorial condolence for the family may do so at http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Jessie Stanford

June 6, 1950 – Nov. 16, 2020

Jessie's life began June 6, 1950, in Arkansas. He grew up in Arkansas and work brought him to Michigan where he made his home.

Jessie worked as a truck driver and farmer raising vegetables and hogs. He loved everything about being outside: riding his tractor, cutting firewood, hunting, and raising his animals. If Jessie wasn't home farming you could find him taking his dog for a drive to the gas station for a treat.

Jessie leaves behind a large loving family who will miss his story telling and inaccurate weather forecasting abilities, including four children: Aaron Stanford of Benton Harbor, Darrel (Lesley) Stanford of Watervliet, Chrystal (Junior) Neal of Flint, and Jason Stanford of Watervliet; 13 grandchildren: Tyler (Lauren) Jackson, Kelson Johnson, Paul (Autumn) Stanford, Jessie Stanford, Michael Stanford, Derrick Stanford, Shanyia Stanford, Janessa Stanford, Christopher Stanford, Tyler Spoonhold, Mikayla Smith, Caylee Ramos, and Austin Ramos; four great-grandchildren; two siblings: Lilly Golden of Arkansas and Isom (Wanda) Stanford of Vandalia, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Jessie died Monday, Nov, 16, 2020, at home.

A grandchild of Jase Stanford; his parents, Bud and Ollie Stanford; and four siblings, Robert Stanford, Stella Flowers, Fanny Thomas, and Junior Stanford, precede Jessie in death.

Friends may visit with Jessie's family from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Cremation will follow his visitation.

You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Jessie's family at hutchins funeral.com.

Albert Shumaker

May 27, 1943 – Nov. 13, 2020

Albert "Al" Shumaker, 77, of South Haven died Nov. 13, 2020, at Bronson South Haven Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

He was born May 27, 1943, in Douglas to William and Halo (Ellis) Shumaker of Fennville, Mich.

Al honorably served his country as a member of the Army National Guard from 1963 to 1969. Al served during the Detroit riots and it was there that he met his wife, Nancy. They were married on Nov. 4, 1967, and were blessed to have just celebrated 53 years of marriage.

After working as a carpenter at General Motors for 33 years, Al was able to enjoy retirement as an avid farmer of Texas Longhorn Cattle and as a talented craftsman. He enjoyed woodworking and became a respected licensed contractor. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Bangor and was known for his selflessness and care of others. He taught his children the importance of kindness and always helping others.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Bennett) Shumaker of South Haven; daughters, Kim (Steve) Hallmark of Grand Junction, Jenny (Stuart) Price of South Haven; and a son, Tony (Michelle) Shumaker of Paw Paw. His spirit lives on in eight grandchildren, Nick (Jennifer) Hallmark, Victoria Hallmark, Jessica (Justin) Cyr, Ashley Price, Austin Shumaker, Brittany Shumaker, Alaina Shumaker and Mason Shumaker; and two great-grandchildren, Nikolai Hallmark and Emma DuCharme.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beverly Brandt; a brother, Robert Shumaker; a son, Willie Shumaker; and a grandson, Andrew Hallmark.

A visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home. Private family services will follow the visitation with Pastor Travis Wilson officiating.

Due to COVID-19, masks must be worn at all times during the visitation and funeral service. Al will be laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery on a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 115 E. Monroe St., Bangor, MI 49013; or Peace Lutheran Church, 06321 Blue Star Memorial Highway, South Haven, MI 49090. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider planting a tree in Al's memory. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Students at River Valley High School are voting this week for the Turkey Teacher of the Year. Students are voting for their favorite teachers. Students pay pennies or nickels per vote, and cast as many ballots as they wish, for as many teachers as they choose. The teacher who raises the most money wins. First place will receive dinner for two at a local restaurant, first runner-up will receive a frozen turkey, and second runner-up will receive two pumpkin pies.

1985 – 35 years ago

Albion College's Andy Remmo has been named to the MIAA all-league football team as a defensive tackle. The former Buchanan standout was in on 64 tackles this season, including 34 solos. He had six quarterback sacks, 12 tackles for losses and recovered two fumbles. Albion will take a 7-1-1 record into Saturday's Division III playoff game against two-time defending national champ Augustana at Rock Island, Ill.

1970 – 50 years ago

The former Eau Claire Village Hall is for sale. The village council voted to advertise bids on the former home of the village hall and fire stations. The brick building was constructed in 1906, and is located on Main Street across from the present Municipal Building.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 18, the 323rd day of 2020. There are 43 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 18, 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of the Somme pitting British and French forces against German troops ended inconclusively after 4 ½ months of bloodshed.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1963, the Bell System introduced the first commercial touch-tone telephone system in Carnegie and Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1985, the comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, was first published. (The strip ran for 10 years.)

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. A fire at London King's Cross railway station claimed 31 lives.

In 1991, Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon freed Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, the American dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain
47°	40°	60° / 49°	58° / 45°	57° / 47°	52° / 36°

Local Outlook

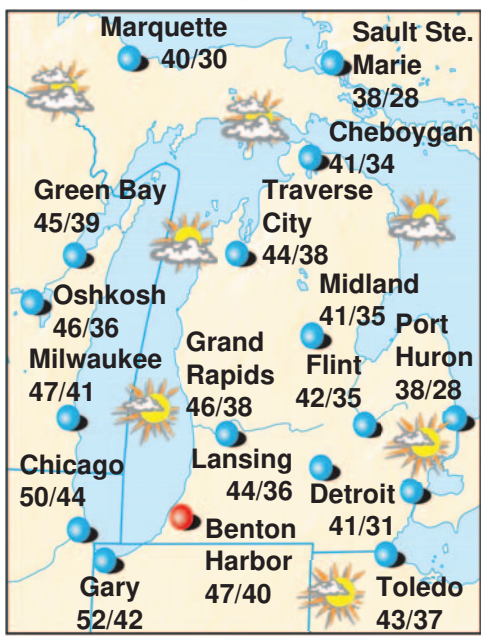
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 47°, humidity of 46%. South wind 5 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 40°. South wind 19 to 22 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 33°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:40 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:21 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:35 a.m.
Moonset ..... 8:38 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
11/21	11/30	12/7	12/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	40°
Low	28°
Normal High	48°
Normal Low	33°
Record High	75° in 2016
Record Low	11° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.88"
Normal for month	2.03"
Year to date	31.12"
Normal Year to date	34.03"

Air Quality

Yesterday 34
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

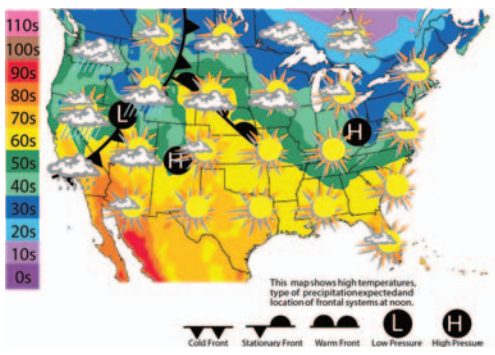
Weather Trivia

The National Weather Service is under what federal department?

Answer: The Department of Commerce.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 18, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 6 to 11 kt increasing to 14 to 19 kt. Winds could gust as high as 25 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 40 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 1 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 7 to 16 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 5 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 50s and 60s. South southwest wind 19 to 23 mph.

States tightening anti-virus restrictions amid case surge

By RYAN J. FOLEY and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The deadly rise in COVID-19 cases across the U.S. is forcing state and local officials to adjust their blueprints for fighting the virus, with Republican governors adopting mask mandates – skeptically, in at least one case – and schools scrapping plans to reopen classrooms.

The steps face blowback from those who question the science behind mask wearing and social distancing and fear the new restrictions will kill off more jobs and trample on their civil liberties.

In Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds had pushed back against a mask mandate for months but imposed a limited one Tuesday, becoming the latest GOP holdout to change course on face coverings. At the same time, she claimed "there's science on both sides" about whether masks reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

With Thanksgiving coming up next week, public health officials are bracing for a holiday-fueled surge. Doctors are urging families to stick to small gatherings.

Governors in Ohio, Maryland and Illinois imposed restrictions on business hours and crowd sizes Tuesday, and their counterparts in Wisconsin and Colorado proposed economic relief packages.

A deadly surge

The key measures of the country's effectiveness in managing the pandemic are all heading in the wrong direction. Hospitalizations, deaths and cases are all skyrocketing in the U.S.

More than 73,000 people – an all-time high – were hospitalized with the virus in the U.S. as of Monday, an increase of over 3,000 from just a day earlier, according to the COVID Tracking Project. Hospitals are running out of space, and nurses and doctors in Kansas are converting waiting areas to patient rooms and spending upwards of eight hours on the phone trying to secure beds at other hospitals.

More than 166,000 newly confirmed infections were reported on Monday, according to Johns Hopkins University. The average number of new cases per day has more than doubled over the past few weeks.

The virus is blamed for more than 1.3 million deaths worldwide, including over 247,000 in the U.S. Deaths per day in the U.S. have climbed to an average of 1,145, up from 828 two weeks ago.

The national death toll is on pace to keep climbing in the coming days as states set new records. Wisconsin reported 92 new deaths Tuesday, shattering its daily record of 66 set last week.

More mask mandates

Since the election, Republican governors in hard-hit Iowa, North Dakota and Utah have reversed course and put in place requirements on masks, and others have extended or expanded earlier orders.

Plenty of other elected officials and residents are balking at such requirements despite the surge. And some local law enforcement authorities have refused to enforce mask requirements.

In Utah, dozens of people opposed to a statewide mask mandate protested outside the home of Gov. Gary Herbert. In South Dakota, the state with the highest rate of COVID-19 deaths per capita in November, Republican Gov. Kristi Noem has no plans to issue mask requirements.

In Iowa, Reynolds cast some doubt on the science behind masks even as she imposed a limited mask rule. She noted that neighboring states with mask mandates, like Illinois and Minnesota, have seen rising numbers of cases, although not as severely as Iowa.

"Oh, there's science on both sides and you know that. If you look, you can find whatever you want to support wherever you are at," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says masks can help protect you and those around you.

A more stringent mask mandate took effect on Tuesday in California, where Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said residents will be required to cover up outdoors, with limited exceptions.

And in New Orleans, officials took the drastic step of canceling the beloved, but traditionally packed Mardi Gras and Carnival parades that draw visitors from around the world because the city has a 250-person cap on outdoor crowds to limit the virus's spread. The next Mardi Gras is Feb. 16; the parades usually run for about two weeks.

"You can't have traditional parades with that small a group," city spokesman Beau Tidwell said Tuesday.

Survey: Michigan educators feel unsafe returning to school

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press/
Report for America

LANSING — The majority of educators in Michigan have safety concerns and don't believe they'll be able to return to in-person learning in January, according to a study from the state teachers' union.

The survey by the Michigan Education Association found 74 percent of the responding educators prefer some level of virtual learning now. More than 47,000 educators responded to the survey this month. The union has about 120,000 members. Of those responding, 84 percent reported safety concerns over a return to full in-person learning and 68 percent reported that they weren't confident that schools will be able to return to in-person instruction in January.

But 41 percent of educators reported that remote learning has been somewhat ineffective or not effective at all.

Teachers want to be back in school because working alongside students is best, MEA President Paula Herbart said Tuesday in a media conference. However, when it comes to decisions being made in the state, the expertise of educators needs to be utilized more.

"Many don't feel like they've been a part of the decision-making process and they want that to change," Herbart said. "Just like we've listened to nurses and doctors and other health professional experts throughout this pandemic, we must heed the input of our education experts, Michigan public school employees."

Almost half of those who responded to the survey, 47 percent, said they felt their concerns were not addressed in their school district's plans for reopening or virtual learning.

Due to a dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a set of restrictions Sunday that includes temporarily halting in-person learning for high schools and colleges. Herbart said the action was a great start, but the union believes elementary schools should be paused as well and greater planning should start in the state on how all students can get back to school.

"If our communities had behaved in such a way where we were masking up, if our legislatures had made a mask mandate, if we had said to everyone that we take health and safety as our number one priority, we could be back in school right now," Herbart said.

SAFETY

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VanDoren said regarding questions of what methods the city should undertake to communicate more effectively to people about swimming in Lake Michigan when weather conditions are dangerous.

But when it comes to trying to gate off the pier or institute a lifeguard program, VanDoren urged caution.

As it turns out, the piers in South Haven area owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"If you put a gate on the pier and open and close it, there's a perception you are in control of access to the pier," VanDoren said.

The city can try to work out an agreement with the corps to be able to install more signage or a gate, but, according to City Manager Kate Hosier, the process of gaining the corps' approval takes time.

"It won't be overnight," she said.

In regard to lifeguards, it has been stated in the past that lifeguards could prove to be a liability for the city in the event of a drowning.

But VanDoren disagreed as long as they receive the proper training and water-rescue equipment.

"They need be rough-water trained, not trained in a pool," he said. "If you can properly train and provide the right equipment, any person they save is a good thing. But, if they're unable to perform the task, that worries me. You also have to spend the money for it (lifeguard program)."

Lifeguards also don't have enforcement capability that law enforcement officials possess, according to VanDoren, Lifeguards, for example cannot force people from Lake Michigan. Some municipalities have devised a system where lifeguards will call police if there's a safety issue at the beach, however, VanDoren cautioned the system can be cumbersome, time-consuming and not very effective.

"We wouldn't want them (lifeguards) forcing people to get out of the water unless they have enforcement to back them up," he said. "It sounds great in theory, but it's hard to get them all out of the water. There are a handful of people who won't leave. Lifeguards are not designed for that kind of enforcement."

The city's beach and water safety committee plans to meet over the next several months to study and gather more information. City staff has already begun canvassing other lakeshore towns to see what works best for them.

"There's a variety of things we can do to enhance safety," Hosier said.

CARTS

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driving on streets with speed limits of 30 miles per hour or less, using hand signals when turning and be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

But since the ordinance was enacted in 2016, city officials have received complaints and concerns from citizens who observed underage drivers operating the carts, people driving while intoxicated, carts being driven after dark, carts with too many passengers and carts on roadways where speed limits are more than 30 miles per hour.

As a result, the city's planning commission in November 2019 began to study ways to ensure safer operation of golf carts.

"This (the new ordinance) is the culmination of work by the Planning Commission to better address concerns with golf cart use in the city," City Manager Kate Hosier said.

Rosalie Plechaty, who serves on the Planning Commission, attended Monday's City Council meeting to thank members for approving the new safety guidelines.

"Everybody's worked on this hard," Plechaty said. "These aren't easy decisions to make."

DINING

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injunction allowing indoor dining and declare the health department's order unconstitutional.

The lawsuit claims the order violates the U.S. Constitution's commerce clause and due process rights. There was no immediate comment from the health department.

Michigan's seven-day average of daily new coronavirus cases has more than doubled from 3,113 to 6,684 over two weeks. It is up nearly five-fold from 30 days ago. The state reported another 7,400 confirmed new cases Tuesday and 79 deaths.

Health director Robert Gordon defended the dine-in prohibition as a way to prevent the spread of the virus among people without masks. He said it has worked in western Europe.

"The sooner Michiganders put a pause on indoor social gatherings, the more lives we will save, and the sooner we will be able to resume our normal social lives, including eating out, without fear," Gordon said.

Restaurants and bars weren't the only targets in the latest round of restrictions. High schools and colleges must stop in-person classes and prep sports, including fall playoffs. Casinos, movie theaters and bowling alleys must close, and gyms can't host group exercise.

"The situation has never been more dire," Whitmer said.

hp SPORTS

Girls swimming finals left in limbo

Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Addie Straub finishes in third place during the second heat of the 200-yard freestyle in an Oct. 16 meet against Bridgman and Coldwater. Straub is a member of the St. Joseph 200 medley relay team which qualified for the state finals.

Bridgman's Dixon, St. Joseph relay team would have competed this weekend

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Preparing to compete against Michigan's best at the girls high school swimming state finals is challenging enough.

Now, local swimmers who qualified don't know when the finals will be held – or if they'll be held at all – and may not have any way to train.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association finals were originally scheduled for this weekend, but are now on hold for at least three weeks due to an emergency order to contain the spread of COVID-19, which will last at least until Dec. 8.

"I think it will be interesting if they have the state meet, because you can't just take time off in swimming," St. Joseph coach Janet Beemer said. "We just have such a good time at the state meet, socially as much as anything. We're just disappointed not to have that opportunity."

St. Joseph qualified its 200-yard medley relay team of Mia Wurster, Sylvia Park, Breanne Pratley and Addie Straub for the Division 2 state finals. Bridgman's co-op team had one qualifier, Audrey Dixon, in the 100 and 200 freestyle.

Teams won't be able to hold practices under the current restrictions. Gyms and pools are open for individual exercise only, which may allow some swimmers to practice on their own. Nannfeldt noted that Dixon, a sophomore at Niles, might be able to train just across the state line in Indiana. Overall though, she was not in favor of a state meet held after a multi-week layoff.

"I'm just happy to be able to have a little season," Nannfeldt said. "For the seniors, it's nice that they were to be able to have their season and not have everything canceled."

Even before the shutdown, the season had been a challenge. It started late, and social distancing requirements led to teams dividing up swimmers on opposite sides of the pool.

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Epstein steps down as Cubs baseball president

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Listening in on fans' conversations during his walks home from Wrigley Field, Theo Epstein could sense their excitement as the Chicago Cubs set themselves up to capture that long-awaited World Series championship.

EPSTEIN

It was as if they were all in it together.

"It felt like the lines between fans and front office members and players were blurred because we were all part of this club that was in on a secret," he said. "We all kind of knew what was about to happen, maybe before the rest of the baseball world did."

Epstein, who transformed the long-suffering Cubs and helped bring home a drought-busting championship in 2016, is stepping down after nine seasons as the club's president of baseball operations, the team announced Tuesday. General manager Jed Hoyer is being promoted to take Epstein's place.

Epstein said after the season he anticipated remaining on the job for at least one more year, with his contract set to expire in 2021. But he said Tuesday it became apparent this past summer "for a number of reasons" it was time to move on.

"It became really clear that we'd be facing some significant long-term decisions this winter, decisions with long-term impacts," Epstein said. "Those types of decisions are really best made by somebody who's going to be here for a long time, not just for one more year. ... Jed clearly is that person."

Chairman Tom Ricketts said it was a "sad day for me personally" and called Epstein a "great partner and truly a great friend."

"Really, I think the legacy that Theo leaves behind is an organization that expects to win, not an organization that is surprised to win," Ricketts added.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked financial havoc on baseball, Ricketts said money "had nothing to do" with Epstein's decision. Epstein, who won't be paid for 2021 by the Cubs, said Ricketts did not bring up his salary when they discussed his future. He also said he was not asked to resign.

The 46-year-old Epstein, who grew up near Boston and helped the Red Sox break an 86-year drought with World Series championships in 2004 and 2007, is one of five executives to win

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Charles Rex Arbogast / AP

Chicago Bears quarterback Nick Foles tries to throw under pressure from Minnesota Vikings defensive end Ifeadi Odenigbo (95) during the second half of Monday night's game. Foles was injured on the play and left the game.

Bears' Foles in better shape than feared

QB could be available despite hip injury

By GENE CHAMBERLAIN
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy on Tuesday indicated a desire to keep his offense's play-calling in the hands of coordinator Bill Lazor even after their lowest yardage output in almost three years during a 19-13 loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

Now he just needs to determine who can actually execute those plays on the field.

A hip and glute injury to Bears quarterback Nick Foles doesn't seem as serious as it appeared when he was taken from the field Monday night on a cart, and it's possible one of the Bears' two injured quarterbacks could be available in two weeks when they come off a bye weekend to face the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field.

"It wasn't as bad as we once thought," Nagy said. "He'll be working through that here as we go, keeping an eye on that, kind of day to day."

Foles completed 15 of 26 passes for only 106 yards and was sacked twice Monday night as the Bears lost for the fourth straight time after they started with a 5-1 record. The Vikings had 11 hits on quarterbacks in the game.

Mitchell Trubisky had been benched during the third Bears game in favor of Foles, then two weeks ago suffered a right shoulder injury running the ball on his only play since the injury. On Monday night, Nagy expressed only uncertainty over Trubisky's availability if Foles can't play.

"I think there's a possibility, but I don't know that for sure," Nagy said. "I think it's going to be day by day. I don't know if he knows that. So we'll just keep an eye on that."

The Bears have the bye week to wait for the quarterbacks' health situation to improve and Nagy is willing to give Lazor a second shot at calling plays even after the offense failed Monday to score a touchdown for the second time in their past four games.

"I'm never going to right now say anything is for sure for different reasons because we've got time now, but with where we're at I don't think it's in a good position to give him one game and this happens, and then all of a sudden you're going back to the other way," Nagy said. "So, yeah, I expect him to be calling the plays."

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Lions' Aboushi looks to shed light on Palestinians' plight

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

ALLEN PARK — NFL players have kneeled during the national anthem and taken stands to protest social injustice across the United States.

Detroit Lions guard Oday Aboushi wants to use his place in sports and society another way, by shedding light on the plight of Palestinians and promoting religious harmony as a Muslim with friends of different faiths.

"Being an athlete, playing in the NFL, being Palestinian is rare," Aboushi said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It doesn't happen much, but at the same time it comes with a lot of responsibility. And I feel like having this platform allows me to use that responsibility in a positive way."

The 29-year-old Aboushi made his second start of the season and the 36th of his career on Sunday, helping Detroit beat Washington 30-27.

The Lions made a statement as a team last summer, choosing not to practice as a form of protest after a Black man, Jacob Blake, was shot by police in Wisconsin. Aboushi was front and center as his teammates spoke to reporters about their decision outside the team's practice facility.

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Rick Scuteri / AP

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (11) greets Detroit Lions offensive guard Oday Aboushi (76) after a Sept. 27 game.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

STRIKER'S BOWL

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS – Women: Linda Dockham 520 (191), Nancy Pinkerton 480, Diana Nash 440. Men: Jonah Stoll 733 (247), Ken Conrad 690 (252), Ben Brose 641 (222), Ray Bogucki 614 (245), Eric Monville 585 (249), Rick Oney 584 (244). Team: Gutter Minds 2389 (850), Domaine Berrien Cellars 2306 (792).

BERRIEN GUTTER GALS (10/27) – Gladys Hunter 511, Kim Keith 468, Sherrie Teed 466, Carol Bickers 460, Debbie Durren 450. Team: Nash 1402 (482).

BERRIEN GUTTER GALS (11/3) – Kathy Karsten 495 (200), Nancy Martin 468, Kim Keith 462, Gloria Hess 453, Novella Klutts 445.

BERRIEN GUTTER GALS (11/10) – Diana Nash 590 (246), Linda Dockham 501, Kathy Karsten 469, Carol Bickers 451, Kim Keith 451. Team: Nash 1542 (534). Note: Diana Nash 100 pins over average game and 150 pins over average series.

LAKESHORE LASSIES – Tricia Morris 721 (257), Nicki Brose 627 (242), Brandy Antonowitsch 585 (203), Karyn Fricke 573, Sheryl Dickenson 545 (211). Team: Gonzalez-Morris 1113 (398).

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	3	0	.667	251	182
New England	4	5	0	.444	189	211
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	7	0	.222	200	252
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	199	271

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	0	0	1.000	271	171
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	244	165
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	216	244
Cincinnati	2	6	1	.278	204	250

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	6	3	0	.667	255	241
Denver	3	6	0	.333	186	254
L.A. Chargers	2	7	0	.222	226	245

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.389	203	232
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
Washington	2	7	0	.222	180	218

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	271	213
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	296	226
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	233	272

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	277	224
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	191	209
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	227	267
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	236	247

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	6	3	0	.667	266	210
L.A. Rams	6	3	0	.667	216	168
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	290	266
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234

Thursday, Nov. 12

Indianapolis 34, Tennessee 17

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 10, Houston 7
Detroit 30, Washington 27
Green Bay 24, Jacksonville 20
N.Y. Giants 27, Philadelphia 17
Tampa Bay 46, Carolina 23
Arizona 32, Buffalo 30
Las Vegas 37, Denver 12
Miami 29, L.A. Chargers 21
L.A. Rams 23, Seattle 16
New Orleans 27, San Francisco 13
Pittsburgh 36, Cincinnati 10
New England 23, Baltimore 17

Monday's Games

Minnesota 19, Chicago 13

Thursday's Game

Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Chicago, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (60)	6-0	1548	1
2. Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1467	2
3. Ohio St. (1)	3-0	1445	3
4. Clemson	7-1	1355	4
5. Texas A&M	5-1	1240	5
6. Florida	5-1	1222	6
7. Cincinnati	7-0	1198	7
8. BYU	8-0	1094	8
9. Indiana	4-0	997	10
10. Wisconsin	2-0	950	13
11. Oregon	2-0	949	11
12. Miami	7-1	940	9
13. Georgia	4-2	824	12
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	750	14
15. Coastal Carolina	7-0	557	15
15. Marshall	7-0	557	16
17. Iowa St.	5-2	498	17
18. Oklahoma	5-2	497	18
19. Northwestern	4-0	378	23
20. Southern Cal	2-0	377	20
21. Liberty	8-0	307	22
22. Texas	5-2	296	21
23. Auburn	4-2	187	24
24. Louisiana-Lafayette	7-1	177	25
25. Tulsa	4-1	155	-

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 101, SMU 20, Utah 17, Washington 15, Arizona St. 9, Boise St. 6, San Jose St. 5, Appalachian St. 5, Nevada 3, Iowa 2, Buffalo 1, UCF 1.

Conference Standings

Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	7	0	249	133	8	0	301	133
Clemson	6	1	314	156	7	1	363	156
Miami	6	1	235	184	7	1	266	198
North Carolina	6	2	345	246	6	2	345	246
NC State	5	3	268	271	5	3	268	271
Virginia Tech	4	3	250	208	4	4	285	246
Wake Forest	3	3	209	194	4	3	275	208
Boston College	4	4	216	221	5	4	240	242
Pittsburgh	3	4	166	184	4	4	221	184
Virginia	3	4	194	216	3	4	194	216
Georgia Tech	2	4	129	229	2	5	150	278
Duke	1	6	152	240	2	6	205	259
Florida St.	1	6	135	265	2	6	176	289
Louisville	1	6	188	217	2	6	223	238
Syracuse	1	6	125	211	1	7	146	249

Big Ten Conference

East

	W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	4	0	135	77
Ohio St.	3	0	139	69
Maryland	2	1	83	106
Michigan	1	3	105	138
Michigan St.	1	3	61	135
Rutgers	1	3	106	136
Penn St.	0	4	102	139

West

	W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern	4	0	112	56
Wisconsin	2	0	94	18
Purdue	2	1	75	71
Iowa	2	2	124	59
Nebraska	1	2	60	96
Illinois	1	3	68	137
Minnesota	1	3	116	143

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The AP Top 25 Women's Basketball Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason 2020-21 women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019-20 final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (29)	0-0	749	1
2. Stanford (1)	0-0	698	7
3. UConn	0-0	695	5
4. Baylor	0-0	663	3
5. Louisville	0-0	597	6
6. Mississippi St.	0-0	589	9
7. Arizona	0-0	575	12
8. NC State	0-0	556	8
9. UCLA	0-0	499	10
10. Oregon	0-0	472	2
11. Kentucky	0-0	464	16
12. Maryland	0-0	395	4
13. Texas A&M	0-0	383	18
14. Arkansas	0-0	354	24
15. Iowa St.	0-0	284	-
16. Indiana	0-0	278	20
17. Northwestern	0-0	275	11
18. Oregon St.	0-0	240	14
19. DePaul	0-0	185	15
20. Ohio St.	0-0	165	-
21. Gonzaga	0-0	137	13
22. Notre Dame	0-0	125	-
23. Syracuse	0-0	120	-
24. Missouri St.	0-0	95	23
25. Michigan	0-0	65	-

Others receiving votes: Texas 24, South Dakota 21, Florida St. 12, North Carolina 10, Arizona St. 6, Princeton 5, Marquette 4, South Dakota St. 3, Boston College 2, South Florida 1, Southern Cal 1, Rutgers 1, Tennessee 1, Duke 1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Acquired RHP Miguel Padilla from Houston to complete the July 29 trade with RHP Hector Velazquez.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed LHP Drew Smyly to a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHOENIX SUNS — Acquired G Chris Paul and F Abdel Nader from Oklahoma City in exchange for F Kelly Oubre Jr., Gs Ricky Rubio, Ty Jerome, Jalen Lecque and a 2022 first-round pick.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Announced G DeMar DeRozan has exercised his player option for the 2020-2021 season.

TORONTO RAPTORS — Announced F Stanley Johnson has exercised his player option for the 2020-2021 season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Stephone Anthony and Terrance Smith to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted RB Lamar Miller, OL Eric Kush, DT Daniel McCullers and QB Tyler Bray to the active roster.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Activated CB Brian Allen to the practice squad from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed FB Andy Janovich on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated DE Nate Orchard from the exempt/commissioner's permission list.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated LB Matthew Adams from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed RB Chris Thompson on injured reserve.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed head coach Andy Reid and general manager Brett Veach to six-year contract extensions. Placed LT Eric Fisher, OT Martinas Rankin and RT Mitchell Schwartz on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed RB Derrick Gore and WR John Hurst to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Zach Sieler to a contract extension through 2023. Waived RB Jordan Howard.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed G Dru Samia on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated TE Brandon Dillon to the active roster.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed QB Jake Dolegala to the practice squad. Released TE David Wells from the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Designated TE Zach Ertz to return from injured reserve. Placed DB Craig James on injured reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed DL Arik Armstead on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Designated RB Darrynton Evans to return from injured reserve. Placed LB David Long Jr. on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Placed QB Kyle Allen on injured reserve. Signed DE Jalen Jelks to the practice squad.

The wait is over: Delayed NBA draft finally comes Wednesday

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

There was no dancing on the court after a March Madness victory. No bounding onto the stage in a spiffy suit to meet the commissioner in June.

The coronavirus pandemic wiped out the traditional end of a college career and the usual start of a pro one. Players such as Anthony Edwards, LaMelo Ball and James Wiseman should be about a month into their rookie seasons by now, but their plans were put on hold.

After multiple delays, the NBA draft finally arrives Wednesday. Like everyone else in 2020, this year's class of players has tried to make the best of their difficult circumstances.

"I feel like it was better for me," Edwards said. "I haven't complained, I haven't tripped about it at all. I just felt like it was better for me because more time for me to get better and get ready for the NBA."

The freshman guard from Georgia is one of the leading candidates to be picked first by the Minnesota Timberwolves. Ball, a guard who skipped college to play professionally overseas, and 7-foot-1 Memphis freshman center Wiseman are the other headliners in the class.

The draft is usually held in June in New York, where Adam Silver announces the first-round picks. The top players sit at tables in the front of the arena and when their names are called, put on a hat with the logo of the team that picked them and walk onto the stage for a handshake and a photo with the commissioner.

This time, Silver will be announcing the picks from the ESPN campus in Bristol, Connecticut. Players have been shipped boxes of hats for wherever they will be watching to choose the one they need when their name is called.

It's not the draft night they wanted, but the excitement of becoming a pro player won't diminish. Not when they've been waiting since March, when sports stopped just days before the selection of the NCAA Tournament field, to start playing ball again.

"I mean, playing in games, I missed it a lot. But at the same time, this extra time, it's only helping me," said forward Obi Toppin, the national college player of the year from Dayton.

"I feel like I'm more prepared and mentally prepared for when the time comes, and I feel like when I'm on the court and that jump ball goes up, I feel like I've been waiting so long that it's going to be an amazing feeling."

The Golden State Warriors have the No. 2 pick, a chance to add a top young player to a team that reached five straight NBA Finals before tumbling to the bottom of the league when Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson were injured. Charlotte picks third, followed by Chicago and Cleveland.

The teams lacked some resources to evaluate players, without the normal draft combine in Chicago or the ability to invite players to their facilities for meetings and workouts. Perhaps that's partly the reason there is no consensus No. 1 pick this year like Zion Williamson in 2019.

"I would say the analysis is fair. There is no guy that has separated themself from the pack, from public or external view," Timberwolves President Gersson Rosas said.

Edwards believes the lack of an NCAA Tournament hurt the players. They couldn't make a final collegiate statement like Ja Morant did when he turned in a triple-double in an upset victory for Murray State in the first round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament.

SWIMMING

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"I do a lot of coaching, a lot of talking and teaching with the kids," Beemer said. "Because I had to always wear a mask. I ended up coaching from the middle of the pool with a microphone a lot. The kids had a really hard time hearing me. That was a bit of a struggle, the whole practice routine."

Beemer felt the shortened season affected swimmers' times – including Park, who didn't make the state finals in any individual events after qualifying in the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke last season.

On the bright side, both teams avoided significant COVID-19 issues.

"There's got to be something clean about the chlorine, because we didn't have anybody get COVID," Beemer said. "We did what we could, and I think the kids had a good time."

Nannfeldt said she found it "a little disappointing" that school activities were shut down.

"The schools are following the rules, so it's sad to me that the schools are closed," Nannfeldt said. "We'll do what we have to to keep people safe."

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BEARS

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Whoever plays quarterback will be trying to piece back together an offense now ranked 31st in the league in yardage and last in rushing.

A week off will let them sort through the problems.

"There's a fine line in trying to change too many things, yet you still have that line of the definition of insanity, right, doing it over and over and expecting different results," Nagy said. "When you have high-character guys and a strong culture, you find answers. You fight together, not against each other."

What's working

The return game, and Cordarrelle Patterson in particular. Patterson broke Gale Sayers' 53-year-old Bears record of 103 yards on a kick return for a touchdown by returning one 104 yards to start the second half against the Vikings. His eighth kick return TD tied him for the most in NFL history with Josh Cribbs and Leon Washington.

"Just to see him do the things he's been doing since he came over here, he's an athlete," Bears safety Eddie Jackson said. "You can put him at running back, receiver, kick return, punt return, or whatever, but he came through in a time when we really needed him."

It wasn't just Patterson stepping up in the return game. After the Bears removed Dwayne Harris from the game following a fumbled punt and a triceps injury, wide receiver Anthony Miller broke the Bears' longest punt return of the year with a 32-yarder.

What needs help

The running game. Without starting running back David Montgomery available because of a concussion, the Bears ran for 41 yards and had only one rushing first down. It was a major factor in the offense gaining a season-low 149 yards, their lowest total since Dec. 3, 2017.

Stock up

LB Roquan Smith. The third-year linebacker had a sack and had a 14-tackle night against Minnesota. He has a league-high total of 68 solo tackles, and led a defense that took the ball away twice from Minnesota – on Khalil Mack's interception and Tashaun Gipson fumble recovery – but wasn't backed properly by the Bears offense.

"At the end of the day we can control what we can control, and that's our output," Smith said.

Stock down

Jimmy Graham. The veteran tight end went without a reception Monday for the first time since the third week of the 2019 season when he was with Green Bay. The Bears had only one pass completion to a tight end Monday night, a 7-yarder to rookie Cole Kmet that was actually intended for another receiver.

Injured

Besides Foles and Harris, defensive end Akiem Hicks left the game with a hamstring injury.

Key number

2 – The Bears have two rushing touchdowns this season, which ranks last in the league. That's also where they rank in rushing attempts and rushing yards. They're 31st in yards per rush.

Next steps

The Bears are off until Nov. 29 when they travel to face Green Bay (7-2) in a Sunday night game.

ABOUSHI

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And as a player in the powerful league, coincidently playing in an area with a large Arab American population, Aboushi wants to use his voice to speak up for people in his parents' homeland.

"There is this call of not staying silent and using our places of position to elevate those that feel unheard and unseen for such a long time," said U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Democrat from Detroit. "People can relate to us as activists – me as a girl from southwest Detroit, him the NFL player."

Aboushi's parents emigrated to New York after both were born in east Jerusalem, a part of the world that regularly makes international news.

On Monday, European diplomats visited the site of an Israeli planned settlement expansion in east Jerusalem that threatens to cut off parts of the city claimed by Palestinians from the West Bank. Israel has long dismissed international criticism of settlement activity.

Palestinians want a future state that includes east Jerusalem and the West Bank – territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war – and view settlements as a major obstacle to peace.

Aboushi visited the West Bank in 2009, when he talked with orphans and said he witnessed Palestinians being held at checkpoints.

"It was a huge eye-opener for me as far as what it's like to be back in Palestine in its current situation right now with the occupation of Israel," he said. "The media doesn't show that and continues to kind of turn a blind eye to the mistreatment of the Palestinian people."

Aboushi plays in relative obscurity as an offensive linemen, but he's hailed in the Arab American community in the Motor City.

Azzam Elder, an attorney in the area, met Aboushi shortly after he signed with the Lions last year and has become one of his many new friends.

"Oday Aboushi is basically another beautiful story in the American dream," said Elder, who is also Palestinian-American. "From a Palestinian perspective, it's just beautiful to be able to sit in the stands and watch all these great players and happen to know somebody who happens to have your background."

When Aboushi moved to Michigan, he posted on Twitter that he was looking to help mosques and families with iftar, a feast for Muslims after they break their fast during Ramadan. He subsequently gave back in one of the many ways he has served the community in Detroit.

Aboushi, who speaks Arabic, was among about a dozen Muslim athletes honored in 2011 at a reception hosted by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at the State Department in Washington while he attended the University of Virginia.

When he was in college, one of his roommates, Michael Strauss, became one of his best friends and proved a Muslim man and a Jewish teammate could do more than simply coexist.

"When he got on campus, we kind of clicked," Aboushi recalled. "We just were complete opposite, but we both had very similar hearts and passion and that's what helped bring us together. He has always been respectful of my beliefs, and I've been respectful of his beliefs. We had a lot of conversations about religion, cultures and traditions. He's someone that will be in my life probably for the rest of my life and someone that I consider family."

Aboushi considers his teammates, of all backgrounds, his brothers. He praised former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick for sparking a movement in 2016, when he started taking a knee during the national anthem to protest systemic racism.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said last summer the league was wrong for not listening to players fighting for racial equality and encouraged them to protest peacefully.

"We're all fighting for the same thing," Aboushi told the AP. "Palestinians are going through a very similar situation as we have here with African Americans as far as the way they're being treated through systematic oppression.

"I feel like this is the time, more than ever, to talk about it and to continue to enlighten people and to let people know that, 'Hey, it's not only something that's happening in America. This is a worldwide issue.' This is something as a world that we can continue to work on to get better."

EPSTEIN

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titles with multiple organizations. He, Pat Gillick, John Schuerholz and Dave Dombrowski are the only ones to do so with teams in each league.

Epstein hopes to stay involved with baseball while he plots his next move. He plans to run a team again, though probably not next season. He would like to be part of an ownership group at some point.

"Baseball team owners can be transformed into forces for civic good and help a lot of people and be involved in a lot of the important conversations in the city and be a solution for a lot of issues in cities," Epstein said. "So that does appeal to me. A lot of things would have to go right for that to happen. Usually, for that type of thing to happen you need access to a lot of capital. ... Who knows? Maybe I have plans for some of those things down the line, but a lot would have to go right for that to happen."

For now, Epstein will remain in Chicago with his wife and two sons. He said he would likely become a season-ticket holder, maybe even a bleacher bum. And he vowed to buy beers for any Cubs fan he sees in a bar following the coronavirus pandemic, until the team wins a World Series under Hoyer.

Epstein oversaw a massive rebuild when he came to Chicago following the 2011 season. He overhauled the farm system as well as the scouting and analytics operations, helping to produce one of the most successful stretches in the franchise's history with a big assist from Hoyer.

With homegrown stars Kris Bryant and Javier Báez, shrewd trades for players such as Anthony Rizzo and Jake Arrieta, the signing of Jon Lester and the hiring of former manager Joe Maddon, the Cubs transformed into perennial contenders. They reached the NL championship series three times in Epstein's nine seasons.

In 2016, they won 103 games to run away with the NL Central and took out the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS for their first pennant since 1945. The Cubs fell behind 3-1 to the Indians in the World Series before beating them in seven games, ending a title drought dating to 1908.

The Cubs' 505 regular-season victories since 2015 trail only Los Angeles (528) and the Houston Astros (510). Chicago, the Dodgers, New York Yankees and Astros are the only clubs with at least five playoff appearances in the past six seasons. But the Cubs have not advanced in the playoffs since the 2017 team lost to Los Angeles in the NLCS.

In the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, Chicago won the NL Central but got swept by Miami in the first round of the playoffs.

"If you look at my track record in Boston and then here, in the first six years or so, we did some pretty epic things," Epstein said. "And then the last couple years weren't as impressive. Maybe what that tells me is I think I'm great at and really enjoy building and transformation and triumphing. Maybe I'm not as good and not as motivated by maintenance."

Hoyer and Epstein worked together in Boston when the Red Sox won two World Series.

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING NOV. 18

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Housewife	The Conners (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life Aaron Wallace's fight continues.	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race (N) CC		The Amazing Race (N) CC		S.W.A.T. "The Black Hand Man" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago Fire "That Kind of Heat" (N)		Chicago P.D. Moore pressures Voight. (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		:01 I Can See Your Voice (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Nature "Primates: Protecting Primates"		NOVA Hagia Sophia survives earthquakes.		Secrets of the Dead "Gangster's Gold"	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Devils "Episode 7" (N)		Coroner Jenny takes on a new enemy. (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline CC		Dateline CC		Dateline CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Devils "Episode 7" (N)		Coroner Jenny takes on a new enemy. (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Olivia complicates Amy's plans.		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	:01 Court Cam	:32 Court Cam
AMC	Four Chris	★★ Fred Claus ('07) Vince Vaughn. Santa's ne'er-do-well brother puts Christmas in jeopardy. CC					The Polar Express
Animal	Lone Star	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Wo. Law	
BET	Tyler P	Payne	As. Living	Tyler Perry's Sistas		Smoke: Marij.	
Big Ten	Women's College Volleyball CC				Women's College Volleyball		
Bravo	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	6:25 Stuber	★ CHIPS ('17) Michael Peña, Dax Shepard. CC			:45 ★ Walk of Shame ('14) Elizabeth Banks. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition	Josh Gates Tonight (N) CC		:01 Expedition X (N) CC		:09 Lost Relics of the Knights Templar	
Disney	Raven	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Holmes Makes		Holmes Makes	
E!	★★★ Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen. CC					Dating	Dating
ESPN	2020 NBA Draft (N) (L)						
ESPN2	College Football Western Michigan at Central Michigan.					NFL Live CC	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				Classic-Boxing	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Basket	Jamie Daniels		Spartans	Inside	Inside	Review
Freefrm	:00 ★ Deck the Halls ('06, Comedy) Danny DeVito. CC			★★ Disney's A Christmas Carol ('09, Children's) Voices of Jim Carrey. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton. CC					Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17)	
Golf	PGA	★★ Tommy's Honour ('16) Peter Mullan. CC					Tommy
Hallmark	Coming Home	A Timeless Christmas ('20, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Erin Cahill. CC				Picture a Perfect Christmas ('19)	
HBO	6:55 ★★★ The Invisible Man ('20) Elisabeth Moss. CC			Crazy, Not Insane ('20) Psychiatrist Dorothy Otnow Lewis profiles serial killers.			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire CC		Wild	Wild
HGTV	Home	Home Town (N)		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Forever Christmas	Christmas on Wheels ('20, Drama) Tiya Sircar, Michael Xavier. CC				:03 Candy Cane Christmas ('20)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Lucas Oil	White Sox Rewind From Aug. 18, 2020. (N)					Pickleball
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. (Taped) CC					
Nick	Danger	The Astronauts		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Inside the Episode: Dee Eggert"		Snapped (N) CC		Snapped "Marissa Wright" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ National Security			★★ The Longest Yard ('05) CC			
Showtime	:15 ★★★ The First Wives Club ('96) Goldie Hawn.			★★ Eat Pray Love ('10, Drama) Julia Roberts, James Franco. CC			
Starz	:01 ★★ Men in Black: International ('19) CC			★★★ Big Hero 6 ('14) Voices of Ryan Potter. CC			Buffy-Slayer
STZENC	6:57 ★★ Mona Lisa Smile ('03) Julia Roberts. CC			★★ Here Comes the Boom ('12, Comedy) Kevin James, Salma Hayek. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★★ Hunter Killer ('18)		★★ Escape Plan ('13) Sylvester Stallone. A security expert must break out of a formidable prison.				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Guess Who's	★★★ Body and Soul ('47, Drama) John Garfield, Lilli Palmer. CC				★★ The Sign of the Ram ('48) CC	
TMC	6:15 ★ Vice	★★ Righteous Kill ('08) Robert De Niro, Al Pacino. CC			:45 Son of a Gun ('15) Brenton Thwaites. CC		
TNT	Equalizer	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				The Equalizer	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC				Paranormal:	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:08 Miz & Mrs (N)	:39 Miz & Mrs (N)
VH1	Martin	★★ Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married? ('07) Tyler Perry.					
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Toenail fungus remedies abound in letters from readers

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Hello again, dear readers, and welcome back to our monthly letters column. Once again, a column about the challenges of dealing with toenail fungus has brought a bumper crop of mail, with many of you sharing home remedies. Although the evidence for these types of natural agents remains limited, some people do find them helpful, and the approaches readers have shared here are not harmful.

A reader from Napa, California, had success with a friend's approach. "I was plagued with this on both large toes, and several remedies, including Vicks VapoRub, didn't help," she wrote. "A friend recommended powdered Ajax cleanser, and that did the trick. A small amount on a nail brush used to scrub the affected nail every day was effective."

A reader from Newport News, Virginia, also followed a friend's advice. "I did everything I could to rid myself of the dreaded toenail fungus, and nothing helped. Then a friend suggested rubbing a capsule of vitamin E oil on my affected nails daily, and it worked!" she wrote. "Of course, it has taken awhile for the nails to grow out, but soon they looked normal again."

Several readers shared that, although various home remedies for toenail fungus yielded temporary improvement, it was only when they used a systemic antifungal medication prescribed by their doctors that they saw long-lasting results.

In a column about gut health, we mentioned the benefits of fermented foods, including sauerkraut. We heard from a sauerkraut fan, who asked us to make clear the difference between the canned or bottled kind, which is pasteurized, and the fresh variety, which is not. "For years, I ate pasteurized sauerkraut, not realizing that all of the probiotics had been killed off through heating," he wrote. That's correct, and we thank him for the clarification. If you're eating sauerkraut for the probiotics, be sure to shop the refrigerator case rather than the canned-goods shelf. If the label states the product has been pasteurized, it means the good bacteria have been killed during processing.

Regarding a column about motion sickness, we heard from several of you that, when you're unable to be the one behind the wheel, keeping one eye closed can help keep nausea and dizziness at bay. We also heard positive feedback for the elastic wristbands we mentioned in the column, which keep a small plastic knob pressed into an acupressure point inside the wrist. "I use them in the car on windy roads, on ships and airplanes," a reader wrote. "They are amazing, inexpensive and available at most pharmacies."

Quite a few of you have asked us to clarify that both the mouth and the nose must be covered when wearing a face mask to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is important, because the newest research shows that the virus can spread not only through sneezing and coughing, but also through speaking and even breathing.

Finally, we'd like to close with a thank you to Mr. Carter. Your kind letter about these columns really made our day.

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How can mom tell if she's become the mother she didn't want to be?

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I had tumultuous relationship with my mother growing up and have used the way she treated me as a model for how *not* to parent.

My daughter, 12, is dealing with a lot of problems, anxiety, depression. I thought we had a good relationship, but she told her therapist she hates me and doesn't get along with me. So this leads me to examine myself and wonder, did I become my mom?

In many ways the answer is an obvious no. I have never slapped my daughter and don't yell at her. I've never thrown anything at her. But I do wonder.

How do you know if this is normal teen stuff, or if you're really failing and have become the person you didn't want to be? Do most people grow up hating their parents and blaming all their problems on them? – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: I'm sorry you're going through this. It is agony to watch a child struggle, and mental-health issues can feel frighteningly beyond our ability to help.

That her troubles have forced you to summon your childhood experience of getting slapped, berated and thrown at – devastating – and to connect your having been abused to the possibility you're an unwitting abuser yourself, must feel heavy indeed.

So my suggestion is to shore yourself up first, before you take on these bigger questions in earnest. Get a therapist of your own to help you find the ground beneath your feet: what you're doing, what your parents did, what your daughter is doing, what's "normal," what's unhealthy, what trauma you do and don't still carry, what isn't about you at all because it's your daughter's "problems, anxiety, depression" talking. A child "hating" you can stem from illness, adolescence or mistreatment, depending.

As you probably know, you can also take away the yelling and the hitting and still leave a diner menu of unhealthy stuff. A parent can still (to name just a few) neglect, ridicule, negate, gaslight, hover, scare or excessively or capriciously criticize the joy and confidence right out of a child, while raising neither hand nor voice.

Parents can do these things with utter conviction they're doing right by a child – just being "flawed like anyone" or "the way I am" or because they themselves "turned out fine."

Your mom could have done these to you without your understanding they weren't typical or healthy, at least not as readily as you identified the violence as wrong.

Every generation of parents manages their power with their parents' model as primary source, supplemented by experience, observation and outside support. In this sense you're no different from any other parent.

But abuse can shape a mind the way propaganda does, and compromise your ability to discern what is and isn't real, which I suspect is confusing you now. You mean well, you're working hard, you're willing to look inward and take responsibility, you're providing treatment and support for your daughter – good for you, for all of it – but your daughter's accusations present a new obstacle, and getting past it requires a reality check on your parenting that your upbringing maybe didn't equip you to perform.

We all need help sometimes, especially when kids are sick. This is just one of your times. Find your reality-checker and get to it.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Batman adversary
6 Play banjo
11 Barbarian
12 Deepest
13 Wagner oeuvres
14 Martini extras
15 Met defiantly
16 Job opening
17 Gambling stake
18 Call — — cab
19 Backpack
23 Polite address
25 "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. —"
26 TV band
29 Queen of the Misty Isles
32 Spanish "that"
33 Large, green parrot
34 Noted fabulist
35 Complete group
36 Roof edge
38 Crushed grapes
40 Steel-mill refuse
41 Bear's digs
42 Wise old birds
46 — Khayyam
48 Braid
49 Riata
52 Enzyme secretion
53 Gold Rush state
54 True
55 Please, in Vienna
56 Colorado resort

DOWN
1 Godzilla's land
2 Plain as day
3 — Abdul-Jabbar
4 I say!
5 Lawyer's thing
6 Without help
7 Jerk
8 Race the engine
9 Manipulate
10 Atlas abbr.
11 Ginger ale
12 Montez or Falana
16 Course length
18 About half of us
20 Certain votes
21 Dept. store inventory
22 Sphagnum moss
24 Rte. mappers
26 Luau strummers
27 Recover from an injury
28 Kind of bean
30 Ripped
31 GI mail drop
37 "Me" devotee
39 Blob of mayo
41 Information
43 Relinquish a claim
44 Pep up
45 Getz or Kenton
47 Brand
48 Golf scores
49 Scientist's lair
50 Frazier foe
51 Betrayer
52 Sauna site

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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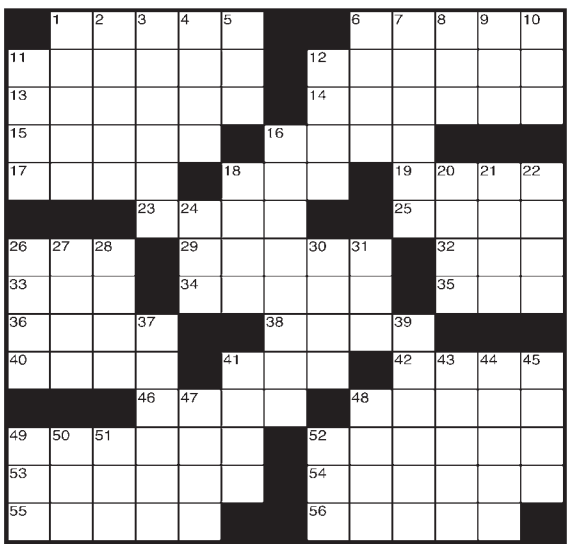

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TRBIO

CEHNOS

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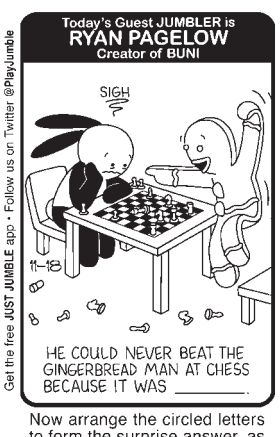
Today's Guest JUMBLER is
RYAN PAGELOW
Creator of BUNI
SIGH
HE COULD NEVER BEAT THE GINGERBREAD MAN AT CHESS BECAUSE IT WAS _____.

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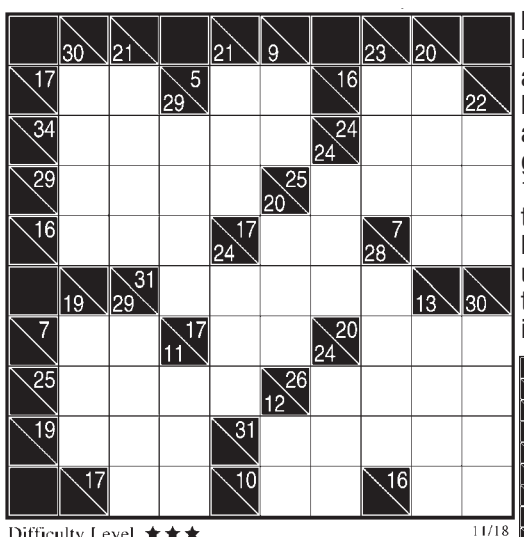
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

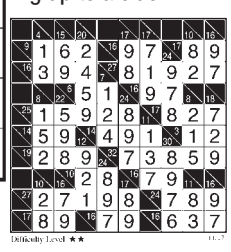
Yesterday's Jumbles: LOUSY DRILL BEAUTY PLEDGE
Answer: When Broom-Hilda's magic backfired, it — SPELLED TROUBLE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/18

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

Michael Friedman, a philosopher, said, "The scientific name for an animal that doesn't either run from or fight its enemies is 'lunch.'"

The scientific name for a bridge player who doesn't fight when the splits are bad is "loser."

Here is another deal featuring Eric Greco, who was the American Contract Bridge League's Player of the Year in 2018. These two deals were drawn to my attention by Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island.

Greco (South) was the declarer in four spades. He took the first trick with dummy's heart ace and cashed the spade ace, raising one eyebrow a millimeter when West discarded a club. How did Greco continue?

The auction was artificial. North's first four bids asked questions. In turn, South showed at least five spades and 8 points or more, 8-11 points, either 5-4-2-2 or 5-3-3-2 shape, and exactly 5=2=4=2.

Outside trumps, declarer had two hearts, two diamonds and one club. So, he needed five spade tricks.

After a club to his queen and West's ace, South took the club return with dummy's king and ruffed the club 10 in his hand – trump trick No. 2. Declarer cashed his diamond ace, played a heart to the king, led a diamond to his king (East playing his queen) and exited with a diamond.

West led the heart jack, East ruffing with the spade eight and South overruffing with his 10 – spade trick No. 3. The diamond two was ruffed with dummy's spade king – trump trick No. 4 – and South still had the spade queen to come as spade trick No.5. A knockout!

North 11-18-20
♠ A K 5
♥ A K 9 4
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 10 8

West
♠ —
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ A 9 6 5 2

East
♠ J 9 8 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 7 6
♣ J 4 3

South
♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A K 4 2
♣ Q 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

	6	8	2	1				
		4		6	7			
7						6		
	1	3		5				
9	8	6		7		5	3	4
				3		9	1	
		5						3
			4	2		1		
				9	5	2	4	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	1	9	2	3	8	4	5	6
6	3	2	7	4	5	1	9	8
4	5	8	6	1	9	2	3	7
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5	9	7	1	8	2	3	6	4
3	4	1	9	5	6	8	7	2
1	2	4	3	9	7	6	8	5
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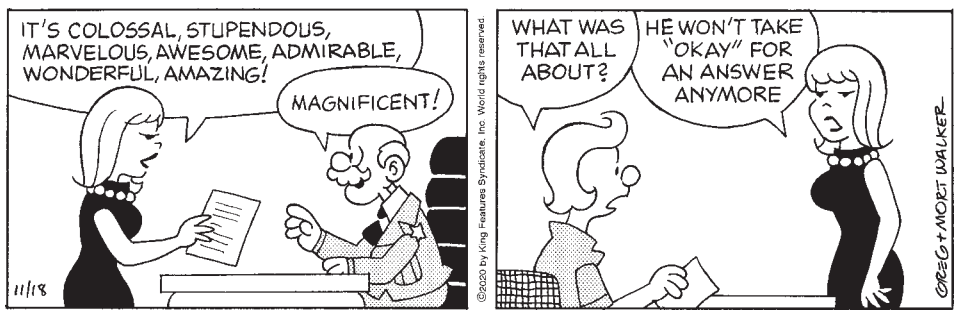
BEETLE BAILEY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MAGNIFICENT!
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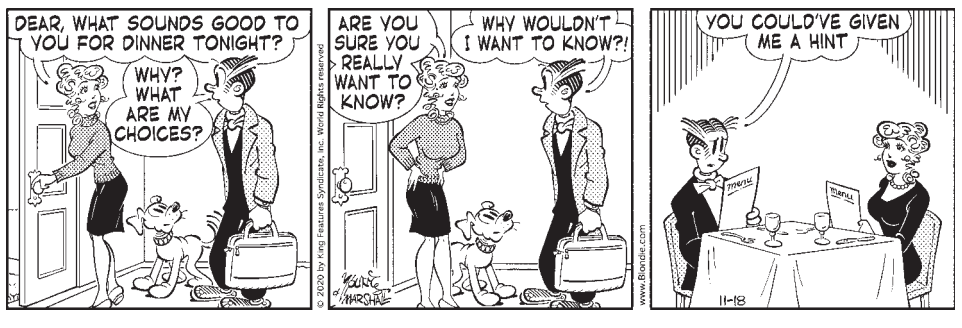
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
HE WON'T TAKE "OKAY" FOR AN ANSWER ANYMORE
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE


DEAR, WHAT SOUNDS GOOD TO YOU FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
WHY? WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?
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ARE YOU SURE YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?
WHY WOULDN'T I WANT TO KNOW?!
YOU COULD'VE GIVEN ME A HINT
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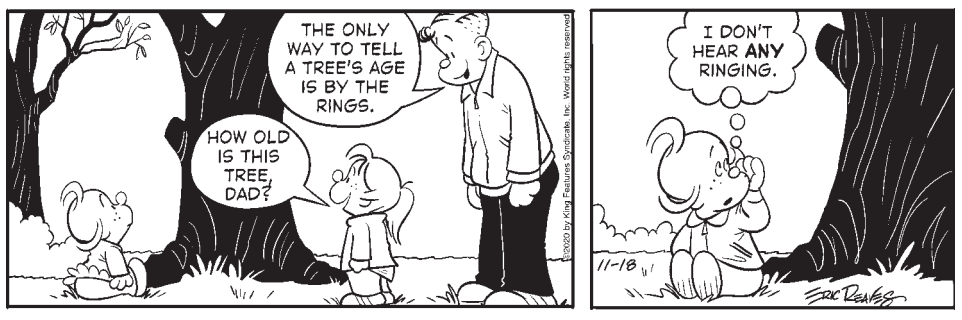
HI & LOIS


THE ONLY WAY TO TELL A TREE'S AGE IS BY THE RINGS.
HOW OLD IS THIS TREE, DAD?
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I DON'T HEAR ANY RINGING.
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ERIC REYNOLDS

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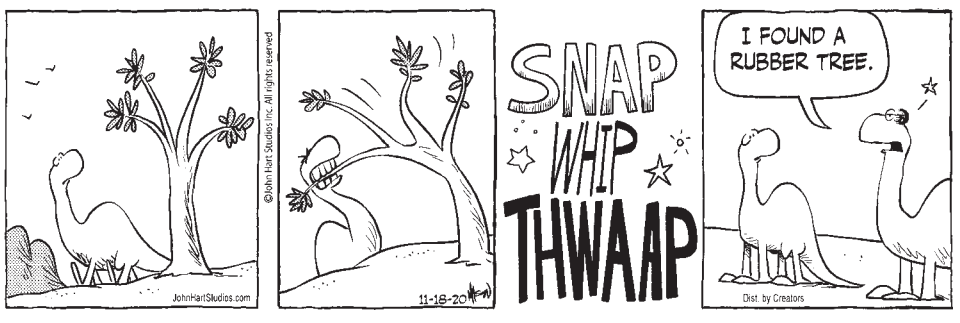

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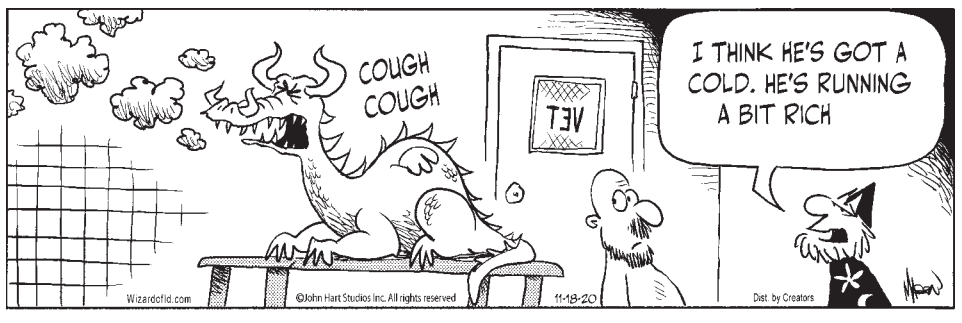
COUGH COUGH
I THINK HE'S GOT A COLD. HE'S RUNNING A BIT RICH
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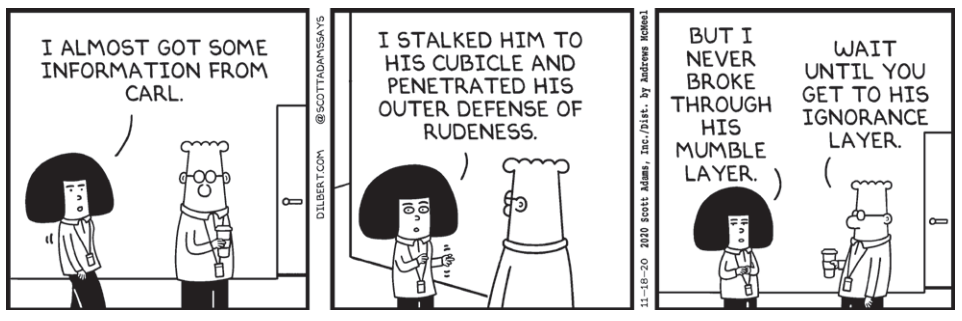
DILBERT


I ALMOST GOT SOME INFORMATION FROM CARL.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
I STALKED HIM TO HIS CUBICLE AND PENETRATED HIS OUTER DEFENSE OF RUDENESS.
BUT I NEVER BROKE THROUGH HIS MUMBLE LAYER.
WAIT UNTIL YOU GET TO HIS IGNORANCE LAYER.
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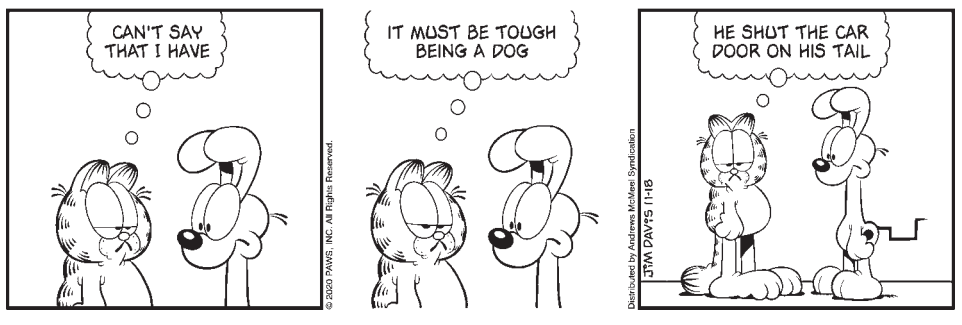
CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE
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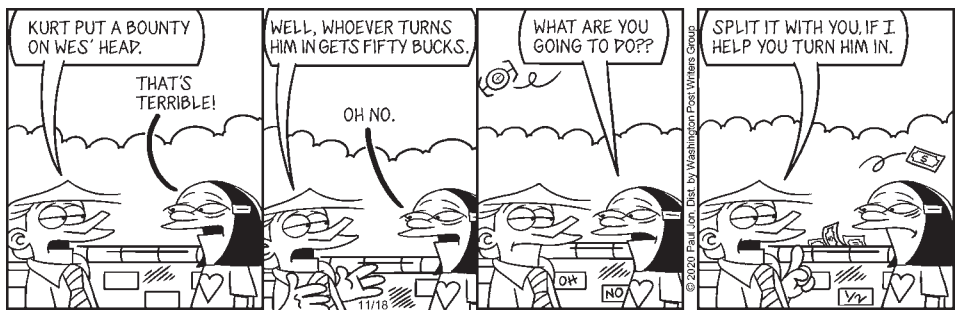
KURT PUT A BOUNTY ON WES' HEAD.
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
WELL, WHOEVER TURNS HIM IN GETS FIFTY BUCKS.
OH NO.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO??
SPLIT IT WITH YOU, IF I HELP YOU TURN HIM IN.
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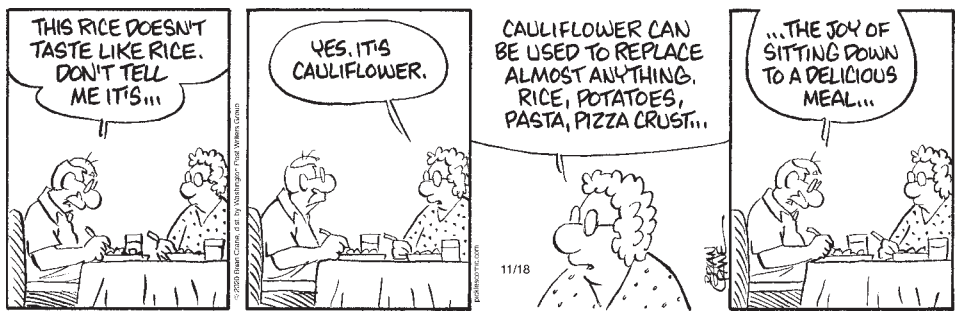
THIS RICE DOESN'T TASTE LIKE RICE. DON'T TELL ME IT'S...
YES, IT'S CAULIFLOWER.
CAULIFLOWER CAN BE USED TO REPLACE ALMOST ANYTHING. RICE, POTATOES, PASTA, PIZZA CRUST...
...THE JOY OF SITTING DOWN TO A DELICIOUS MEAL...
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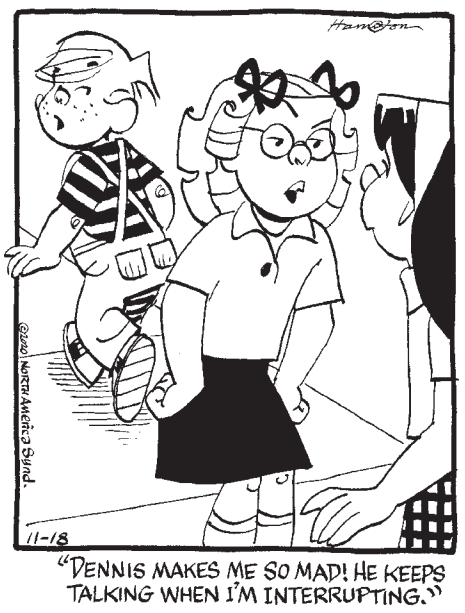
FAMILY CIRCUS

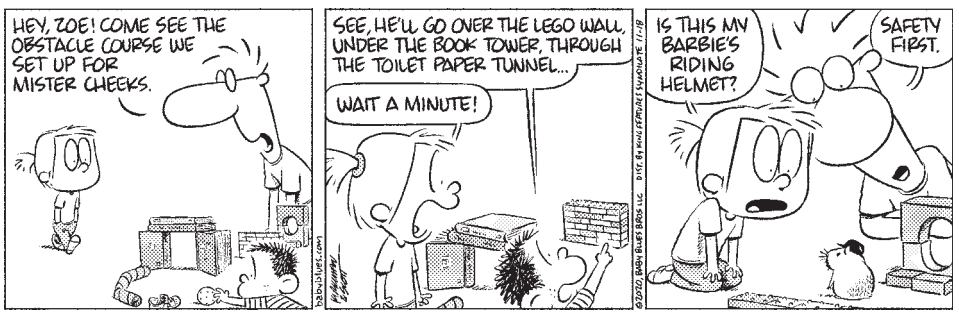
"At some point, school will run out of things to teach me, right?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

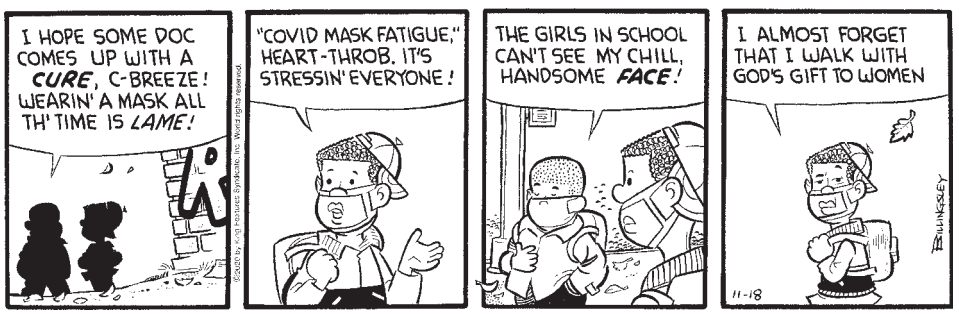


"DENNIS MAKES ME SO MAD! HE KEEPS TALKING WHEN I'M INTERRUPTING."

BABY BLUES


HEY, ZOE! COME SEE THE OBSTACLE COURSE WE SET UP FOR MISTER CHEEKS.
SEE, HE'LL GO OVER THE LEGO WALL, UNDER THE BOOK TOWER, THROUGH THE TOILET PAPER TUNNEL...
WAIT A MINUTE!
IS THIS MY BARBIE'S RIDING HELMET?
SAFETY FIRST.

CURTIS


I HOPE SOME DOC COMES UP WITH A CURE, C-BREEZE! WEARIN' A MASK ALL TH' TIME IS LAME!
"COVID MASK FATIGUE," HEART-THROB. IT'S STRESSIN' EVERYONE!
THE GIRLS IN SCHOOL CAN'T SEE MY CHILL, HANDSOME FACE!
I ALMOST FORGET THAT I WALK WITH GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN
BRUNSELL
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ZITS

JEREMY, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT YOU ARE THE SLOPPIEST HUMAN ON THE PLANET!
THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN ME, MOM.
THAT WASN'T MEANT TO BE A PEP TALK!
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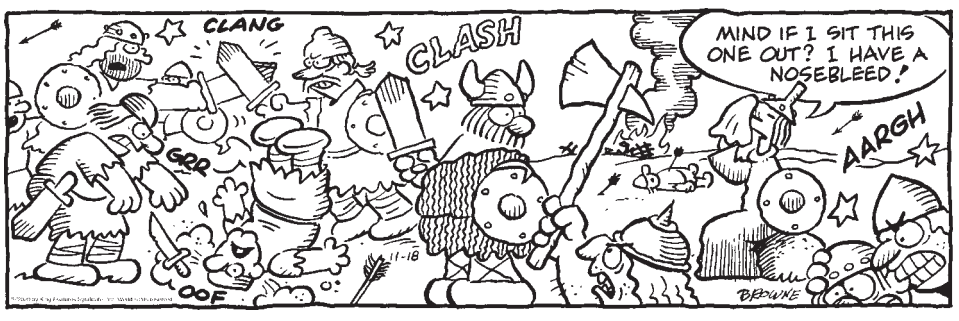

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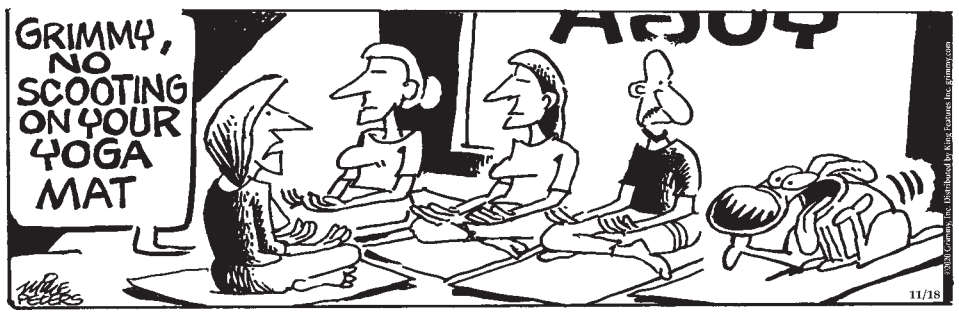

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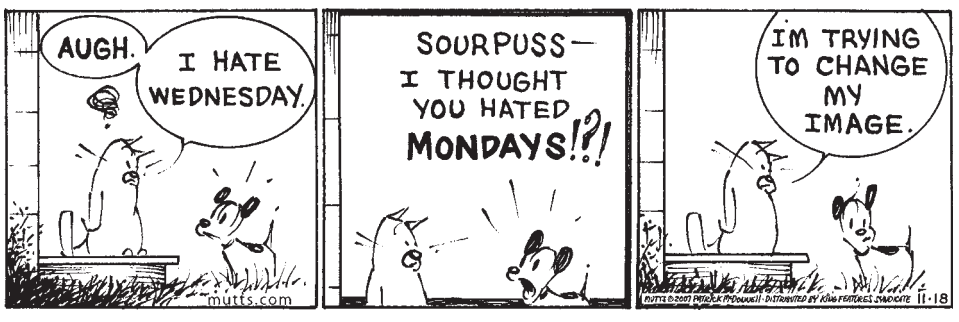

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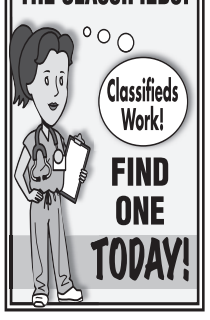

BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER KELLY DRAIN #270

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS

QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

A Board of Determination will meet via remote electronic access at the above date and time to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition dated October 14, 2020, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District, and describes the roles, responsibilities and decisions made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage district and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make a decision at the end of the meeting. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.**

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Board of Determination may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Board of Determination by telephone.

The Board of Determination is being convened electronically to comply with federal and state agency recommendations to cease from any public assemblies, self-quarantine, and help prohibit the spread of COVID-19. The Berrien County Drain Commissioner's Office nonetheless recognizes its continued responsibility to facilitate responsible decision-making of the Board of Determination and has established procedures to conduct these meetings in a manner that effectuates as fully as possible the purposes of the Open Meetings Act. Minutes of the meetings will be on file in the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's office.

Prior to the Board of Determination:

Website. Please visit the Drain Commissioner's website at https://www.berriencounty.org/269/Drain-Commissioner for more information.

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Christopher Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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Upcoming mobile food pantry dates are announced

By HP STAFF

The Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry will make a number of stops in Southwest Michigan in the next month, including:

■ 4 p.m. today, Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road (also a free flu shot clinic for ages 5 and older)

■ 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Center, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.

■ 3 p.m. Friday, First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main St., Niles.

■ 4 p.m. Monday, Dowagiac Fire Department, 302 Wolf St.

■ 4 p.m. Tuesday, Kinexus, 499 Main St., Benton Harbor.

■ 4 p.m. Nov. 25, North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma

■ 11 a.m. Nov. 30, Hope Reformed Church, 1365 Monroe Blvd., South Haven.

■ 3:30 p.m. Dec. 1, Harbert Community Park, 13443 Red Arrow Highway.

■ 4:30 p.m. Dec. 2, Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Road, Bridgman.

■ 4 p.m. Dec. 3, Dowagiac Seventh-day Adventist Church, 410 Hill St.

■ 11 a.m. Dec. 4, Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave., Bangor.

■ 3 p.m. Dec. 9, Lyons Industries, 30000 M-62 W., Dowagiac.

■ 4 p.m. Dec. 10, Harbert Community Park, 13443 Red Arrow Highway.

■ 4 p.m. Dec. 11, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road.

■ 1 p.m. Dec. 14, Community Nonprofit Housing Corp., 870 Nate Wells Drive, Benton Harbor.

■ 4 p.m. Dec. 16, Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road.

■ 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17, Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Center, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.

Mobile pantries deliver fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

The Mobile Food Pantry is currently drive-thru only. Attendees should ensure there is a space in the back of their vehicle for volunteers to load food.

To volunteer to help distribute food, visit volunteer.uwsm.org

For a complete list of Mobile Food Pantry stops, which are subject to change, visit www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule.

BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears on Wednesdays. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

'Hungry For Harbor Country'

Two recipes from Lindsay Navama's Southwest Michigan-inspired cookbook

Jane Ammeson

Lindsay Navama and her husband had heard Harbor Country was the "Hamptons of the Midwest." So they made the trip from their new home in Chicago to New Buffalo on a dismal spring day.

They thought the area was cute, but they returned home and didn't come back for three years.

When they did, though, the beauty and charm of the region – its small towns, shoreline and country roads – began to unfold for them.

Navama, who grew up in a town with one stoplight, worked as a private chef, recipe developer and owner of Cookie Culture, a boutique bakery, when the couple lived in Los Angeles.

Here, she felt reconnected to her days in the kitchen and small town living – trading in the mountains for Lake Michigan.

She spent time learning the foodways of Harbor Country by meeting farmers, food producers, restaurateurs and chefs. She found herself immersed in all it had to offer. She tweaked recipes to fit friends' dietary needs, accommodating gluten-free and cow- and dairy-free.

"I loved being here. To me, these were magical moments," says Navama, who grew up in a foodie family. "I wanted to collect and preserve them in Mason jars."

But, of course, you can't do that. So she did the next best thing, she wrote a cookbook, "Hungry For Harbor Country: Recipes and Stories From the Coast of Southwest Michigan."

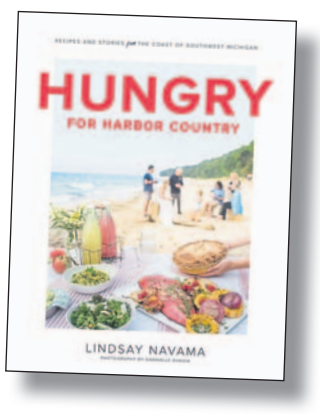
The book's 50 recipes are accompanied by photos from Gabrielle Sukich of Benton Harbor, owner of Whirlingirl Photography.

For those exploring Harbor Country, the book is also like a travel guide, taking readers to the places Navama loves, such as Lemon Creek Winery, Luisa's Café, David's Delicatessen, Whistle Stop Grocery and Journeyman Distillery.

The following recipes are from "Hungry For Harbor Country."

Photos provided

Crispy Golden Oven-Baked Fried Chicken with Chile Honey Drizzle, above, and Whole Roasted Buffalo Cauliflower with Bacon Potato Chip Crumble, below right, are featured in "Hungry For Harbor Country: Recipes and Stories From the Coast of Southwest Michigan," below left.



Crispy Golden Oven-Baked Fried Chicken with Chile Honey Drizzle

Makes 8-10 servings.

For the chicken marinade:

- 3 cups almond milk, or other milk of choice, plus more as needed
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 16 pieces chicken, legs and/or thighs, bone-in or boneless

For the spiced flour coating:

- 1 1/2 cups gluten-free all-purpose flour without xanthan gum, or all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups gluten-free or regular panko crumbs
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons dried chives
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground white pepper
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
- 3/4 cup plus 4 tablespoons salted butter, melted, and divided

For the chile honey:

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

In a large bowl, whisk together the almond milk and lemon juice. Let sit for 5 minutes.

Add the chicken pieces to the bowl. The milk should just cover the chicken, so add a bit more if needed. Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Set aside.

Place two 9-by-13-inch baking dishes on the middle rack of an oven, and heat to 450 degrees. Heating the baking dishes makes the chicken extra crispy. (Oven-safe glass or ceramic baking dishes work best.)

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, panko, cornmeal, chives, basil, paprika, onion powder, white pepper, poultry seasoning, sugar, baking powder, kosher salt, celery salt, black pepper, dried mustard, cayenne pepper (if using) and nutmeg (if using).

Arrange the chicken marinade bowl, flour mixture bowl and prepared baking sheets in a row. To dredge easily, you'll need one "wet hand" and one "dry hand." Use one hand to pull the chicken from the milk and drop it into the flour, then use your other hand to cover the chicken in the flour blend with a large spoon and place it on the baking sheet. Repeat until all the chicken is coated.

Remove the baking dishes from the oven, and brush with 3/4 cup melted butter. Divide the chicken evenly between the dishes, arranging the pieces in a single layer, at least 1/2 inch apart.

Note: If using a mix of chicken, place all the boneless pieces in one dish and the bone-in pieces in another due to the different baking times required for each.

Drizzle 2 tablespoons of the remaining melted butter evenly over the chicken in each dish. Return the dishes to the oven.

Place the bone-in chicken on the upper rack (hotter) and the boneless chicken on the lower rack (cooler).

For boneless, skinless thighs, bake for 20-25 minutes. For skin-on, bone-in legs or thighs, bake for 30-35 minutes. The internal temperature for all chicken should be 165 degrees.

Halfway through the baking time, remove the chicken from the oven, and carefully flip each piece using a spatula and fork to ensure the crust stays intact. Drizzle the chicken evenly with the remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter.

Return to the oven, and continue baking until crispy and golden brown. Remove from the oven and let rest for 10 minutes before serving.

While the chicken rests, in a small bowl, stir together the honey and red pepper flakes.

Serve the chile honey with the chicken for drizzling.

Store leftover chicken in the refrigerator, covered, for 3 to 4 days.

Whole Roasted Buffalo Cauliflower with Bacon Potato Chip Crumble

Makes 4-8 servings.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for brushing baking sheets
- 6-8 pieces thick-cut bacon, uncured
- 1 medium head cauliflower
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

For the batter:

- 1 cup gluten-free all-purpose flour without xanthan gum, or all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon onion powder, or garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/5 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons wing sauce
- 1/2 cup almond milk, or other milk of choice, plus more as needed to create desired consistency for batter

For the topping:

- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons buffalo wing sauce
- 1 cup kettle-style barbecue potato chips
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar goat cheese, or cheddar of choice
- 1/2 cup green onions, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place the oven rack in the center of the oven. Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Line two baking sheets with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Brush one sheet liberally with olive oil.

Line a large plate with two layers of paper towels. Set aside.

Place the bacon strips in a single layer on the lined baking sheet without oil, and bake until crisp, 20-25 minutes, depending on the thickness of the bacon. Transfer the bacon in a single layer to the prepared plate to cool.

Increase the oven to 450 degrees.

Using a large chef's knife, remove any leaves from the cauliflower head. Turn the head upside down and slice off the stem, slicing flush with the bottom of the cauliflower so it sits flat when right side up.

Place on the oiled baking sheet, and drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil on the head, then turn over and drizzle the remaining 1 tablespoon on the bottom. Sprinkle inside and out with the salt. Place the cauliflower head right side up in the center of the baking sheet and roast in the oven for 30 minutes.

While the cauliflower roasts, in a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, onion powder, salt, baking powder, cayenne and white pepper.

In a smaller bowl, whisk together the water, olive oil and wing sauce. Add the milk to the wing sauce mixture, and whisk to fully combine.

Pour three-quarters of the liquid mixture into the bowl with the flour mixture, and whisk until smooth, adding the remaining liquid as necessary to achieve a medium-thick consistency.

Use two forks to turn the cauliflower head upside down, and dip it in the batter, covering only the dome of the cauliflower head, not the bottom or inside. Press the head into the batter using the forks. Return the cauliflower to the baking sheet, stem side down, and bake for another 15 minutes, or until the batter is hardened and golden.

In a small bowl, combine the barbecue sauce and buffalo wing sauce, and set aside.

Finely chop the cooked bacon, and set aside.

Place the potato chips in a bag. Use a rolling pin or can to crush finely.

In a medium bowl, toss together the bacon pieces, potato chips, shredded cheese, green onions and pepper until all the ingredients are finely crushed.

Remove the cauliflower from the oven, and use a basting brush to generously coat the entire battered area with about half of the buffalo-barbecue sauce mixture. Return to the oven for 5 minutes, or until the sauce is sticky. Remove the cauliflower from the oven.

Set the oven to broil. Use your hands to press the potato chip mixture all over the cauliflower head.

Return the cauliflower to the oven, and broil for 3 to 4 minutes, watching carefully to ensure it doesn't burn.

Remove from the oven for the final time and use two forks to move to a serving platter.

Cut into 4 wedges if the cauliflower is the entrée, or 6-8 wedges if it's a side. Serve with a side of the barbecue-buffalo wing sauce.

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